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MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF LUNACY AND CHARITY.

[Names of *past* members in italics; of *present* members in small capitals.]

Date of Original Appointment.	NAME.	Residence.	Qualified.	Retired.	Term Expires.
June 7, 1879,	*Moses Kimball*,†	Boston,	June 12, 1879,	October 27, 1880,*	– –
June 7, 1879,	*Nathan Allen, M.D.*,†	Lowell,	June 19, 1879,	June 7, 1880,	– –
June 7, 1879,	*Henry I. Bowditch, M.D.*,†	Boston,	June 12, 1879,	January 24, 1880,*	– –
June 7, 1879,	CHARLES F. DONNELLY,	Boston,	June 21, 1892,	June 7, 1883,‡	June 7, 1897.
June 7, 1879,	EDWARD HITCHCOCK, M.D.,	Amherst,	June 5, 1896,	– –	June 7, 1901.
June 7, 1879,	*Albert Wood, M.D.*,	Worcester,	June 10, 1879,	June 7, 1880,	– –
June 7, 1879,	*Robert T. Davis, M.D.*,	Fall River,	June 14, 1879,	January 22, 1884,*	– –
June 7, 1879,	*John C. Hoadley*,†	Lawrence,	June 19, 1879,	November 16, 1882,*	– –
June 7, 1879,	*Ezra Parmenter, M.D.*,†	Cambridge,	June 18, 1879,	February, 1883,*	– –
January 27, 1880,	*David L. Webster*,	Boston,	January 30, 1880,	April 11, 1881,*	– –
June 8, 1880,	*Charles F. Folsom, M.D.*,	Boston,	June 9, 1880,	January 14, 1881,*	– –
June 8, 1880,	*Clara T. Leonard*,	Springfield,	June 12, 1880,	March 19, 1886,*	– –
November 5, 1880,	*Thomas Talbot*,†	Billerica,	November 12, 1880,	March 12, 1884,	– –
January 22, 1881,	*Alfred Hosmer, M.D.*,†	Watertown,	January 28, 1881,	December 4, 1882,*	– –
April 18, 1881,	*George P. Carter*,†	Cambridge,	April 19, 1881,	June 7, 1883,	– –
November 23, 1882,	*John Fallon*,†	Lawrence,	December 2, 1882,	December 15, 1889,§	– –
December 8, 1882,	*Henry P. Walcott, M.D.*,	Cambridge,	December 12, 1882,	June 7, 1885,	– –
February 14, 1883,	*Albert A. Haggett*,	Lowell,	February 17, 1883,	October 26, 1885,*	– –

May 31, 1883,	*Reuben Noble*,†	Westfield,	June 12, 1883,	June 16, 1885,*	–	–
July 18, 1883,	*Edgar E. Dean, M.D.*,†	Brockton,	July 27, 1883,	December 1, 1887,*	–	–
March 19, 1884,	*Everett Torrey*,	Boston,	March 24, 1884,	August 16, 1886,*	–	–
June 16, 1885,	*Charles A. Denny*,	Leicester,	June 18, 1885,	November 4, 1889,*	–	–
July 16, 1885,	*Samuel A. Green, M.D.*,	Boston,	July 17, 1885,	May 15, 1886,*	–	–
April 14, 1886,	ANNE B. RICHARDSON,	Lowell,	June 21, 1895,	–	–	June 7, 1900.
April 21, 1886,	HENRIETTA G. CODMAN,	Brookline,	June 27, 1892,	–	–	June 7, 1897.
December 22, 1886,	*Richard L. Hodgdon, M.D.*,†	Arlington,	December 24, 1886,	January 30, 1893,§	–	–
December 22, 1886,	*Charles C. Coffin*,†	Boston,	December 27, 1886,	December 17, 1889,*	–	–
January 25, 1888,	*D. Webster King*,	Boston,	January 27, 1888,	August 5, 1889,*	–	–
December 4, 1889,	GEORGE W. JOHNSON,	Brookfield,	June 3, 1893,	–	–	June 7, 1898.
December 24, 1889,	*Henry Stone*,†	Boston,	May 27, 1893,	January 1, 1894,*	–	–
December 24, 1889,	LABAN PRATT,	Boston,	June 15, 1894,	–	–	June 7, 1899.
January 1, 1890,	*Ziba C. Keith*,	Brockton,	January 4, 1890,	June 11, 1891,	–	–
June 11, 1891,	*Charles J. Curran, M.D.*,	North Adams,	June 12, 1891,	June 7, 1896,	–	–
June 22, 1893,	*Richard M. Hodges, M.D.*,†	Boston,	June 26, 1893,	January 1, 1895,*	–	–
February 15, 1894,	LEONTINE LINCOLN,	Fall River,	February 19, 1894,	–	–	June 7, 1898.
February 14, 1895,	JOHN L. HILDRETH,	Cambridge,	September 3, 1895,	–	–	June 7, 1900.
June 4, 1896,	EDWARD H. HASKELL,	Newton,	July 9, 1896,	–	–	June 7, 1901.

STEPHEN C. WRIGHTINGTON, *Superintendent of In-Door Poor.* CHARLES E. WOODBURY, M.D., *Inspector of Institutions.*
WILLIAM P. DERBY, M.D., *Superintendent of Out-Door Poor.* JOHN D. WELLS, *Clerk and Auditor of the Board.*

* Resigned. † Deceased. ‡ Reappointed February 8, 1884. § Died in office.

SUMMARY OF INSANE AND POOR.

Insane in the State under Supervision, September 30, 1896.

In Hospitals and Asylums,	6,091
In Town Almshouses,	829
In private families,	165
Total,	7,085

Cost of support in the State Hospitals and Asylums,	$872,730.34
Annual cost, *per capita*, in the State Hospitals and Asylums,	$167.97

Poor in the State within the Year ending September 30, 1896.

In-Door Poor, State and Town, average,	12,757
Out-Door Poor, State and Town, supported, average,	1,666
Out-Door Poor, State and Town, relieved,	51,500
Cost of support and relief — Towns,	$2,201,020
Cost of support and relief — State,	673,214
Total,	$2,874,234

In consideration of the forthcoming report of the Commission appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the charitable and reformatory interests and institutions of the Commonwealth, the Board refrains from making any recommendations for legislative action.

STATE BOARD OF LUNACY AND CHARITY.

State House, Boston, December 28, 1896.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council:

The undersigned, members of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, present herewith the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*
HENRIETTA G. CODMAN, *Vice-Chairman.*
CHARLES F. DONNELLY.
EDWARD HITCHCOCK.
ANNE B. RICHARDSON.
LABAN PRATT.
LEONTINE LINCOLN.
JOHN L. HILDRETH.
EDWARD H. HASKELL.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE BOARD OF LUNACY AND CHARITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Powers and Duties of the Board.

The powers and duties of the Board include the supervision, visitation, and inspection of all public and private institutions for the insane, the State Almshouse, the State Farm, the State Schools, the city and town almshouses containing insane inmates, and all places where State paupers are supported; the care and custody of insane patients boarded in families; the supervision of juvenile offenders, including attendance at court in the interest of such offenders; the care and maintenance of indigent and neglected children boarded in families, and the visitation of all minor wards of the State in families; the licensing of boarding-houses for infants, and the prosecution of cases of violation of the infant-boarding law; the removal of non-settled paupers to other states and countries; the administration of the laws concerning the support of State paupers by cities and towns; the prosecution of cases of bastardy among non-settled persons; the tabulation of returns from Overseers of the Poor of paupers supported by towns; and the care and maintenance of alien immigrants falling into distress within a period of one year from the time of their landing. Each of the State institutions for the insane, as well as the Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, is under the immediate control of a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor and Council. There are also a Board of Trustees of the State Almshouse and the State Farm, and a Board of Trus-

tees of the State Schools, each similarly appointed. The State Board, however, has sole power of discharge from the State Farm, and shares with the Trustees of the State Almshouse, and the Trustees of the several State Hospitals for the Insane, the power of discharge therefrom.

The progress of legislation regarding the powers and duties thus summarized may be briefly stated as follows: —

The Legislature of 1856 created a Board of Commissioners to execute all the laws in relation to alien passengers and State paupers. The supervisory authority of this Board was limited to State Almshouse visitations, but its administrative powers extended to the execution of all the laws relating to alien immigrants; the prescription of forms for statistical returns from the State Almshouses at Tewksbury, Bridgewater, and Monson, and the form of certificate permitting the introduction of inmates thereto; the binding out of apprentices from the State Hospital at Rainsford Island; the control of State pauper inmates of the State Lunatic Hospitals and their property; and the transfer of pauper inmates from one State charitable institution or lunatic hospital to another, and their transportation to their homes in other states and other countries, — the last-named duty involving a rigid inspection of all passengers arriving from foreign ports, and the exclusion of those liable to become a public charge.

The Legislature of 1863 abolished the Board of Alien Commissioners and established the Board of State Charities. To this Board was entrusted all the administrative authority conferred upon the Board of Alien Commissioners, and it was also made its duty to "investigate and supervise the whole system of the public charitable and correctional institutions of the Commonwealth"; but its supervisory power was subsequently limited by the transfer, in 1875, of the oversight of the institutions for the instruction of the deaf, dumb and blind to the Board of Education, and by the farther transfer, in 1879, of the oversight of the correctional institutions of the State to the Board of Commissioners of Prisons. On the other hand the executive authority of the new Board was considerably increased by the Acts of 1865, 1866, 1869, 1870, and 1877, charging the Board with the

execution of the laws relating to the unsettled poor in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth and to the children of the State.

The authority conferred upon the Board of State Charities by the legislation of 1869 and 1870 with reference to the minor wards of the State was substantially as follows : —

Whenever a complaint was made against a boy or girl under the age of 17 years, the Court or Magistrate in the case was required to notify the Board in writing, so that one of its agents might have opportunity to investigate the case, attend the trial and protect the interest of, or otherwise provide for, the child. On the agent's request, the Court or Magistrate might authorize the Board to take and indenture or place in charge of any person, or in the State Primary School, such child, till he or she attained the age of twenty-one years, or for any less time. No child could be indentured, adopted, or taken in charge of any person from a State institution, until notice thereof had been given the Board, and its report in writing, made after investigation into the propriety thereof, had been filed with such institution; and all the applications for the release or discharge of any children so indentured or placed in charge of persons were to be given to the Board for its report in like manner. As often as once a year all children so maintained, indentured or placed, were to be visited, and such other investigation made in regard to them as the Board might prescribe.

The Legislature of 1879 abolished the Board of State Charities, and established the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, thus conferring upon the new Board, in addition to the powers of its predecessor, all the power and authority previously possessed by the Board of Health and Vital Statistics, which was organized in 1869. In 1886, however, the State Board of Health was re-established, and it was provided that "the Board heretofore known as the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, shall be hereafter called the State Board of Lunacy and Charity." Excepting, therefore, that the present Board no longer exercises the functions of a Board of Health, and excepting also that, in 1894, its executive anthority was somewhat curtailed by the transfer of the State supervision of immigration to

United States officials, its powers and duties remain essentially the same that they were at the time of its establishment in 1879; and, as direct successor of the Board of State Charities, the greater part of its authority is of much earlier date.

The law of 1879 provided that the State Board of [Health] Lunacy and Charity shall consist of nine persons, two members of the Board retiring each year, excepting every fifth year, when one shall retire, — all vacancies occurring from time to time to be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

As the laws now stand, the State Board of Lunacy and Charity is given general supervision over the State Lunatic Hospitals, the State Almshouse, the State Farm, and the State Reform Schools; and when directed by the Governor may assume and exercise the powers of the Boards of Trustees of said institutions, and it may "assign any of its powers and duties to agents appointed for the purpose, and execute any of its functions by said agents, or by committees appointed from and by said Board." The Board is authorized, with the consent of the Governor, to appoint such officers as may be necessary, and fix their compensation. It is required to make its own by-laws, and make an annual report of its doings to the Governor and Council, embodying in the report a statement of the receipts and expenses of the Board and of the several above-named State institutions, and also a statement of annual estimates, and "a concise review of the work of the several institutions for the year preceding, with such suggestions and recommendations as to them, and the charitable and reformatory interests of the State, as may be deemed expedient." There is also to be included in the annual report information obtained from the annual returns required to be made by the overseers of the poor of the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth, of the numbers and cost of persons supported and relieved at the expense of such cities and towns.

The Board is required, at least once a year, to "visit all places where state paupers are supported, and ascertain from actual examination and inquiry whether the laws in respect to such paupers are properly observed"; to visit the State

Almshouse and the Lyman School for Boys at least once a month, and "for this purpose it shall, by some woman, or women, deputed by it, have access at all hours of the day or night to the portions of said institutions occupied by the women or children there maintained at the public expense"; to visit and inspect every private asylum or receptacle for the insane at least once in every six months; and also "as often as once a year visit all children maintained wholly or in part by the State, all who have been indentured or placed in charge of any person by any state institution, board or officer of the Commonwealth, or under any provision hereof, and all minor children supported at the expense of any city or town; and shall inquire into the condition of such children, and make such other investigations in relation thereto as it may think fit; and for this purpose it may have private interviews with such children at any time." It prescribes the form of certificates required of overseers of the poor of cities and towns, when paupers are sent therefrom to the State Almshouse. The Board has the same powers in relation to State paupers who are inmates of either of the State Lunatic Hospitals, or of the State Almshouse, and their property, as are by law vested in overseers of the poor, in reference to paupers supported or relieved by towns. It may transfer pauper inmates from one State charitable institution or lunatic hospital to another, or send them to any State or place where they belong; on the application of the Trustees of the State Reform Schools may transfer inmates of said Schools to the State Farm, and return them again to the Schools; in certain emergencies may transfer inmates of the State Almshouse to the State Farm; on the certificate of two physicians may transfer and commit to the State Lunatic Hospitals and Asylums, inmates of the State Almshouse, the State Farm, and the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates; and under certain conditions may transfer inmates of private asylums and of the Boston Insane Hospital to other private asylums and to State Lunatic Hospitals, and from such Hospitals to private asylums and private dwellings; it may also transfer any pauper lunatic from a State charitable institution or Lunatic Hospital to the Lunatic Ward of the State Almshouse. When

the overseers of the poor of cities and towns fail to comply with the law forbidding the retention in almshouses of pauper children over a certain age, the authority vested in said overseers may be exercised by the State Board to the exclusion of the overseers.

In the cases of sick State poor supported by cities and towns and State poor temporarily relieved, as well as in cases of burial, the State Board has large administrative authority, including the visitation of the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth by its agents, investigation and decision of settlements, and the auditing of bills of local authorities against the Commonwealth.

The Statutes provide that the Board shall act as Commissioners of Lunacy, "with power to investigate the question of the insanity and condition of any person committed to any lunatic hospital or asylum, public or private, or restrained of his liberty by reason of alleged insanity at any place within this Commonwealth, and shall discharge any person so committed or restrained, if, in its opinion, such person is not insane, or can be cared for after such discharge, without danger to others and with benefit to himself." The Board is required to cause application to be made for the commitment to a hospital of any insane person, whether a public charge or otherwise, whom it has reason to believe is deprived of proper treatment, and is confined in an almshouse or other place. It also has the legal custody of all persons removed from the State Hospitals for the Insane, to be boarded in families under the authority of the Board, and the power of return of such persons to the Hospitals, and unlimited power of transfer of State patients from one lunatic hospital to another.

As regards the State children, it may be generally stated here, that in addition to the power of visitation, the State Board of Lunacy and Charity has practically the same authority to-day, regarding the care, maintenance, and education of the indigent and neglected children of the State, and the maintenance, education, and reformation of juvenile offenders placed or boarded in families, that the State Board of Charities possessed in 1870.

MEMBERS. — COMMITTEES. — CHIEF AGENTS.

The nine members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and Council for terms of five years each, or until their successors are chosen. They serve without compensation, but their travelling expenses are paid by the State.

Dr. Edward Hitchcock, whose term of office expired June 7, 1896, was immediately re-appointed; and Mr. Edward H. Haskell, of Newton, was appointed to succeed Dr. Curran. The membership is now as follows: —

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, of Brookfield, *Chairman.*
HENRIETTA G. CODMAN, of Brookline, *Vice-Chairman.*
CHARLES F. DONNELLY, of Boston.
EDWARD HITCHCOCK, M.D., of Amherst.
ANNE B. RICHARDSON, of Lowell.
LABAN PRATT, of Boston.
LEONTINE LINCOLN, of Fall River.
JOHN L. HILDRETH, M.D., of Cambridge.
EDWARD H. HASKELL, of Newton.

The By-Laws of the Board provide that regular meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of each month, in the rooms of the Board at the State House, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or at such other place and hour as the Board may from time to time direct. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. The By-Laws also provide for the annual election, in June, of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Clerk, a Superintendent of In-Door-Poor, a Superintendent of Out-Door-Poor, and an Inspector of Institutions.

The Standing Committees of the Board are as follows: —

Committee on Charities: Mrs. RICHARDSON, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PRATT, Mr. HASKELL.

Committee on Lunacy: Dr. HITCHCOCK, Mrs. CODMAN, Mr. LINCOLN, Dr. HILDRETH.

Committee on Inspection of Institutions: Mr. PRATT, Mrs. RICHARDSON, Mr. LINCOLN.

Committee on Removal of Insane Persons out of the State: Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CODMAN, Mr. PRATT.

The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Chairmen of the several Standing Committees.

The chief agents of the Board are the Heads of the several Departments.

Stephen C. Wrightington is Superintendent of the Department of In-Door-Poor. His Deputies are Joshua F. Lewis, M.D., in charge of the Central Division; and Bertha W. Jacobs, in charge of the Division of Visitation.

William P. Derby, M.D., is Superintendent of the Department of Out-Door-Poor. His Deputy is George B. Tufts.

Charles E. Woodbury, M.D., is Inspector of Institutions. His Deputy is Henry C. Prentiss, M.D.

John D. Wells is Clerk and Auditor of the Board, and its disbursing officer.

Organization of the Departments.

The Department of In-Door Poor.

The By-Laws provide that the Superintendent of In-Door Poor shall execute all the provisions of the laws relating to inmates of the State Hospitals and Asylums for Lunatics, the State Almshouse, the State Farm, the State Reform Schools, proceedings in bastardy, and visitation of juvenile wards of the State; and also certify quarterly to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth the several amounts due the State for the support of inmates in the several Institutions. This Department, whose Superintendent is Stephen C. Wrightington, has two divisions: the Central Division and the Division of Visitation, — each with its Deputy Superintendent. In the former, which is under the immediate direction of Dr. Joshua F. Lewis, the general business of the Department is transacted, including the matter of the investigation of settlements of the pauper inmates of the several State Institutions, with reference to the question whether State, or town, or some relative, is bound by law to support them; and for this purpose constant visits are made to the several State Hospitals, the State Almshouse, and the State Farm. This Division also has charge of the transportation

of paupers out of the State to other states and countries, and of transfers between State Institutions. The Division of Visitation, under the immediate direction of Miss Bertha W. Jacobs, has the care of the State minor wards over three years of age boarded and placed in families.

There are employed in the Central Division, in addition to the Deputy, six clerks, two transportation officers, and a messenger; three of the clerks being engaged more or less in outside investigations and transportation work. In the Division of Visitation there are employed, in addition to the Deputy, three clerks and seventeen visitors. Of the visitors, one man is a visitor-at-large, with a general oversight of the duties of the rest. Nine men attend courts in the interest of juvenile offenders, investigate homes and visit boys in places; four women have the immediate supervision of children between three and twelve years of age placed at board; and one woman, a visitor-at-large, with two assistants, coöperates with the Auxiliary Visitors in the placing and oversight of the girls over twelve years of age placed in families, — this work including occasional Court attendance. The Auxiliary Visitors live in various parts of the State, and a few of them in adjoining States; they are appointed annually by the Board with special reference to their qualification for such duties, and they serve without pay. They hold three meetings each year for purposes of consultation. The Auxiliary Visitors in office at the close of the official year, September 30, 1896, were as follows: Mary A. Andrews, Vergennes, Vt.; Eliza A. Babbitt, Westford; Anna M. Bailey, Fitchburg; Eliza L. Barnard, Worcester; Martha J. Barrell, York Corner, Me.; Mary W. Bartol, Lancaster; Cyrene J. Bean, South Paris, Me.; Martha B. Bishop, North Brookfield; Frances Brewer, Northampton; Alice T. S. Brewster, Pittsfield; Velma Briggs, Hanover; Mary E. Brown, West Roxbury; Alice W. Burnham, Waltham; Helen J. C. Butler, North Adams; Carrie E. Buzzell, Durham, N. H.; Ella F. Bucklyn, New Bedford; Abby C. Clapp, Reading; Emily G. Collins, Brattleboro, Vt.; Annah H. R. Cook, Hartford, Conn.; Mary C. Crump, New London, Conn.; Mary S. Eaton, Concord; Kate Edwards, Northampton; Elizabeth H. Elliot, Jamaica Plain; Carrie S.

Emmons, Russell; Edith Forbes, Milton; Nella B. French, Clinton; Miranda Gibbons, East Granville; Julia A. Gibson, Somerville; Elvira Gorham, Bellows Falls, Vt.; Ellen M. Hartwell, Littleton Common; Mary Catherine Hicks, Stafford Springs, Conn.; Lucy A. Hitchcock, Palmer; Leura E. Jenkins, Barre; Maria L. Johnson, Lynn; Belle G. Johnson, Marlborough; Adelaide H. Jones, East Derry, N. H.; Amanda T. C. King, Thompsonville, Conn.; Sarah F. Lampher, Montville, Conn.; Anna C. Leonard, Springfield; Ophelia M. A. Lovejoy, Haverhill; Lois Allyn Mason, Winchendon; Caroline E. Maynard, Dedham; Mabel G. Merrill, Worcester; Elizabeth Merrim, South Framingham; Ella F. Morrison, Lawrence; Lucy A. Morton, Springfield; Mary K. Morton, Hatfield; Harriet E. Noyes, Ipswich; Rose Chandler Paine, Worcester; Mary W. Palfrey, Cambridge; Sarah F. Palmer, Saco, Me.; Amelia S. Phelps, Wilbraham; Amy Porter, Hartford, Conn.; Hannah A. Porter, Quincy; Lydia A. Pratt, Shelburne Falls; Sarah C. Purrington, Farmington, Me.; Catherine N. Ranger, North Brookfield; Sarah C. Read, North Adams; S. Ellen Robertson, Chicopee; Mary C. Rogers, Canton; Celeste S. Russell, Great Barrington; Mary H. Rust, East Bridgewater; Frances N. Shepard, Lowell; Helen T. Spalding, Webster; Ellen B. Stebbins, Roslindale; Marrietta H. Stevens, Westfield; Elizabeth Thurber, Plymouth; Julia E. Tilton, Williamsburg; Hattie M. Trask, Richmond, Me.; Agnes C. Tribou, Middleborough; Charlotte H. P. Twitchell, Greenfield; Elizabeth W. Twitchell, Keene, N. H.; Mary Aubin Vinal, Lebanon, N.H.; Lucy G. Wadsworth, Boston; Eliza G. Washburn, Hyde Park; Alice E. Wetherbee, Fall River; Abigail Wheeler, Northbridge; Martha Lee Whelden, West Barnstable; Harriet R. Wiley, Wellfleet; C. Amelia Williams, Taunton; Mary L. Williams, Dedham; Emma M. Wilson, Athol; Elizabeth L. Withington, Newburyport; Adeline V. Wood, Middleborough; M. Anna Yerrington, Norwich, Conn.

The Department of Out-Door Poor.

It is the duty of the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor to execute all the provisions of the laws relating to the sick State poor, those ill with dangerous diseases, those receiving temporary relief, and infant wards of the State. This Department, in addition to the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, employs nine visitors, six clerks, and a messenger. Two of the visitors, a man and a woman, are physicians, and are occupied with the visitation and general management of pauper infants, — wards of the State under three years of age, — boarded in families; and one of them also with the visitation of the State inmates of the Boston City Hospital and the Carney Hospital. Another visitor has the immediate supervision of licensed boarding-houses for infants, and investigates cases of violation of the infant boarding-house law. He is also appointed by the Board as a special district police officer, under the legislation of 1895, to enforce the provisions of the laws with regard to the protection of infants. The other visitors, assigned to different sections of the State, make personal examinations and reports of all cases of which the Superintendent has notice under the laws.

The Inspector of Institutions.

It is the duty of the Inspector of Institutions to exercise constant watchfulness over all the institutions the Board is required to supervise, including all city and town almshouses containing insane inmates; to see that the statutes regulating the commitment and detention of lunatics are complied with; to execute all the provisions of the laws relating to the board of insane persons in families; to make detailed monthly reports of all his visitations; and to perform statistical work not otherwise assigned. He is thus the Board's general supervisory officer, and its principal agent in the performance of its duties as a Commission in Lunacy. In this department, besides the Inspector and the Deputy Inspector, there are regularly employed three clerks and a visitor. In addition to these, a temporary medical visitor has been occupied for several months in an investigation of the condition and treatment of the insane inmates of city and town almshouses.

The Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk of the Board is required to be present at the meetings of the Board and of several of its Committees, and keep a record of all transactions; to conduct the Board's correspondence, under its direction; to receive and disburse all money used by the visitors of the Board for travel and other necessary purposes; to have custody of the Board's records and files, and of all funds that may come to the Board or its wards; and to audit all bills against the Commonwealth on the part of the Board. He employs an assistant.

The Juvenile Wards of the State.

The juvenile wards of the State are cared for by two Departments of the Board; the Department of In-Door Poor having charge of all over three years of age, and the Department of Out-Door Poor having charge of the infants, or those under three years of age. These children may be classified as follows: —

1. *Dependent children*, or children between three and sixteen years of age, without local settlement, who, by reason of orphanage, or the poverty of their parents, are dependent on the State for their support.

2. *Neglected children*, or children between three and sixteen years of age, who, by reason of the wilful neglect of their parents, are committed by the Courts to the custody of the Board.

3. *Juvenile offenders*, or children between the ages of seven and seventeen years, convicted of crime or misdemeanor, and committed to the custody of the Board, the Lyman School for Boys, or the State Industrial School for Girls.

4. *Destitute infants*, or dependent and neglected children under three years of age.

In the case of dependent children the State Board has original jurisdiction only where the support of such children is properly chargeable to the Commonwealth on account of their having no known legal settlement. Neglected chil-

dren, under fourteen years of age, are arraigned before a court or magistrate, on complaint of any citizen, and if the alleged neglect is proved are committed either to the custody of the State Board or to the Overseers of the Poor of the city or town of settlement, or in case of the City of Boston, to the Commissioners of Public Institutions. Juvenile offenders, under seventeen years of age, are similarly arraigned, and upon conviction, may be sentenced, if a girl, to the State Industrial School and, if a boy under fifteen years of age, to the Lyman School, or if over fifteen, to the Massachusetts Reformatory; all during their minority except those committed to the Reformatory. Or, at the request of the State Board, one of whose agents is always present at the trial, any of the offenders above named may be committed to its custody, or placed on probation "in charge of a person," or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the magistrate in accordance with law.

At the trials of neglected children and juvenile offenders notice must be previously given, both to the parents or guardians of the child and to the State Board; and care is taken by the agent of the Board, in all cases, to acquaint himself with the character and habits of the child, with the character of the parents or guardians, and to possess himself of all important facts in connection with the matter, in order that he may be able to advise the magistrate in making the best possible provision for the child's future well-being.

Dependent and neglected children, when received into the care or committed to the custody of the Board, if incapable of self-support, are placed directly in suitable families at board, or if able to support themselves, in such families without payment for board; and in either case they may be placed temporarily in the house of Mrs. Bean at Arlington.

Families where children are placed at board are carefully selected; and after such placing, the Board's visitors assure themselves by frequent examinations that the children are in all respects properly provided for, well fed, clothed and sheltered, that they attend school, and that in every way they are treated, so far as practicable, as they would be if they were the children of the family. Similar methods are fol-

lowed in the cases of children capable of self-support and placed in families without board.

Juvenile offenders, when committed to the custody of the Board, may be placed directly with their parents, when the offence is slight and the home exceptionally good, otherwise in some other selected family. Some of the boys are temporarily cared for by Mrs. White of Ludlow, from whose house they are removed from time to time, to their homes on probation, or to some family in this or in some other of the New England States. Should all efforts toward their reformation fail, the State Board, under authority of its original mittimus, may commit such children either to the Lyman or to the Industrial School. When so committed, they usually remain in the School for about a year, and are then released on probation, either to their own homes or to other families. When thus released, the boys are under constant visitation by officers of the Board, who are in close communication with them; and on the first intimation from the boy or his employer, or any interested neighbor, that the placing is not satisfactory, examination is made by the agent of the Board in person, and if matters cannot be satisfactorily adjusted, the boy is removed and placed in a new home, or if necessary returned to the School. The girls so released on probation or placed in families are, as already stated, in the immediate charge of three paid visitors of the Board assisted by the Auxiliary Visitors.

Indigent and neglected children under three years of age, having no local settlement, come under the care of the Department of Out-Door Poor through commitment by Overseers of the Poor and by the Courts, directly from the State Almshouse, and also in the following ways:

Under the Acts of 1892, Chapter 318, Section 14, the parents, surviving parent, or guardian of any infant under three years of age, if unable to support such child, may, upon personal application to the Board, and with the Board's consent, place such child in its custody by an instrument in writing, signed by the mother, and the Board may receive such infant, if in the opinion of the Board it is for the public interest.

Under Section 15 of the same chapter, illegitimate infants,

under two years of age, may be given up for adoption by their mothers, who are residents of this Commonwealth, and who have previously borne a good character, when, in the opinion of the Board it is for the public interest; and such giving up shall operate as a consent to any adoption subsequently approved by the Board.

Under the provisions of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 1889, as amended by Chapter 194, Acts of 1891, an illegitimate infant under two years of age may be removed by the Board when complaint of alleged abuse has been brought to the attention of the Department of Out-Door Poor, and when upon investigation it is considered that the life and health of the infant would be endangered, if allowed to remain longer under existing conditions.

When an application is made to the Department of Out-Door Poor by a parent or friend to place a child in the custody of the Board, under Section 14, above cited, a history of the child is taken, and all information possible is ascertained in regard to its parents and their ability to support the child, wholly or in part, and the prospect for its present and future support. The child is brought to the office, and a physical examination is made by the Superintendent, or one of his medical officers. If it is decided that the case is a suitable one, the child is received. While there are no fixed rules regulating the taking of this class of children, such cases as the following would be considered suitable: A mother dies, leaving an infant and several other young children; the father can manage to take care of all, except the infant; in another case, a father deserts his family, and the home is broken up temporarily, until the mother is able to support the children; or a husband dies leaving a sick wife and infant, and her friends apply to have the child cared for until its mother recovers. Other instances might be mentioned, but in all cases the present and future welfare of the child is the chief consideration.

Under Section 15, above cited, whereby a mother of an illegitimate infant under two years of age makes personal application to be relieved of the care and support of her child, and to give it up for adoption, the problem is more complicated. The question of separation of mother and

child is always a serious one, and is justifiable only under exceptional circumstances. An infant is received, for example, when the mother is sick and unable to nurse or care for her child, and whose friends, while willing to give her a home, will not shelter the child; or when the mother is inefficient and homeless, with scarcely ambition or knowledge enough to take care of herself; or when the mother is very young or weak-minded, with parents too poor to support the child.

It is with great reluctance that a child is taken from a mother who is able to nurse it, particularly during the period between the first of June and the first of October. Experience has shown that the risk of weaning during the summer months is great. No mother is allowed to give up her nursing infant, and no nursing child is taken from its mother during that period, except when it is evident that her character is such that it would be dangerous to trust her with the child, or when the infant can be placed where it can be wet-nursed. In many cases mothers apply to have their children adopted, not because they wish to be separated from them, but because they have tried and failed to support themselves and their infants, and have become discouraged. Some mothers show great natural affection for their illegitimate children, and are willing to go to the country to work in families where they can receive small wages and have their infants with them, and fortunately many such homes are found.

On the establishment of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity in 1879 there were 1,905 children subject to the Board's visitation, — 846 of them being in the State Institutions and 1,059 outside of the Institutions, — either in their homes or under indenture. At the close of the last official year, September 30, 1896, there were 2,790 children subject to the visitation of the Board, 397 being in Institutions and 2,393 in their homes, in selected families, or otherwise cared for. Of the 2,393, 1,576 were practically self-supporting and 817 were at board in families. Thus it appears that while in 1879, at the beginning of the administration of the present Board, there were but 56 per cent of the State

children cared for outside of the Institutions, there are now 86 per cent of such children so cared for.

Of the 2,790 children, 492 were classed as dependent, 662 as neglected, 1,432 as juvenile offenders, and 204 as infants. The dependent and the neglected children were all in the custody of the Board in the Department of In-Door Poor. Of the 1,432 juvenile offenders, 330 were in the custody of the Board in the Department of In-Door Poor, 268 were in the Lyman School, 129 in the State Industrial School, 485 in the custody of the Trustees of the Lyman School, outside the School, and 220 in the custody of the Trustees of the State Industrial School, outside the School. The 204 infants were in the custody of the Board in the Department of Out-Door Poor.

The same statement may be made in tabular form, as follows: —

Classification of Juvenile Wards of the State, September 30, 1896.

	Dependent.	Neglected.	Juvenile Offenders.	Infants.	Total.
State Board, Department In-Door Poor,	492	662	330	–	1,484
Lyman School,	–	–	268	–	268
State Industrial School,	–	–	129	–	129
Custody of Lyman School,	–	–	485	–	485
Custody of State Industrial School,	–	–	220	–	220
State Board, Department Out-Door Poor,	–	–	–	204	204
	492	662	1,432	204	2,790

Besides the 397 children in the schools, and the 2,393 outside, — 5 of whom were under treatment at the State Almshouse, — there were 62 other children in the State Almshouse, making a total of 2,852 children under the supervision of the Board at the close of the official year. Of the 62 children in the State Almshouse, 48 were in the maternity wards, in care of their mothers, 3 were idiots, 8

were under treatment in the hospital ward, and 3 were United States cases, subsequently deported.

Of the children in charge of the In-Door Department, October 1, 1895, 564 were regularly at board. To this number were added, during the year, 206 children, making a total of 770 children regularly at board. Of this 770, free homes were found during the year for 83; 39 were released to relatives or friends; 9 were adopted; 3 were indentured; 2 died; 9 were sent for medical treatment; and 2 successfully eloped; leaving at regular board, September 30, 1896, 623. In addition, 7 children were adopted who had become self-supporting before the beginning of the year.

The number of visits paid to wards of the State during the year by the paid visitors of the Department of In-Door Poor was 5,325, and the number paid by the Auxiliary Visitors was 742.

The whole number of children under three years of age in charge of the Department of Out-Door Poor at the beginning of the official year, October 1, 1895, was 181; the number received during the year was 175; making the whole number supported during the year, 356; and there remained at the close of the official year, September 30, 1896, 204. Of the 175 children received, 112 were committed to the custody of the Board by Overseers of the Poor, 16 were committed by the Courts, 40 were taken under Sections 14 and 15 of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1892; and 7 by removal from their homes in order to save their lives. Of the 356 children, 35 were legally adopted, 30 were transferred to the Department of In-Door Poor, having reached the age of three years, 47 were discharged to parents or other relatives, 2 were discharged to towns of settlement, and 38 died. Of the remaining 204, 10 were on trial for adoption without expense to the State, and 11 were on trial at board; the rest were at board. During the year, 157 infants were received at the Temporary Nursery in Roxbury. Nearly all the children received by the Department are first sent to this Nursery. There they are bathed, suitable clothing is given them, they receive medical and surgical treatment, if needed, and are then placed out to board. The Nursery is indispensable, not only as a temporary home

for children when first received, but also for treating those who have been placed out to board, and who are brought back again for surgical operation, or special medical care. There was no outbreak of contagious disease in the Nursery during the year, but it was thought expedient in July to remove all the infants from the house for a time, and thoroughly disinfect it, as many of the infants were ill with summer diarrhœa.

3,238 visits to infants were made. This number includes visits that are strictly medical, visits of supervision to infants in the custody of the Board, visits of inspection to premises of applicants for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants, visits of investigation to prospective homes where children are desired for legal adoption, and visits to boarding places where only one infant is desired, and where therefore a license is not required. The mortality rate of infants for the year was the lowest since the present system of caring for these children was adopted; and, in view of the unfavorable weather conditions during the summer months, this fact is extremely gratifying, and due credit for it should be given to the medical visitors.

The number of infants eligible for adoption was small; this is owing to the fact that a child whose parentage is known and who is taken under Section 14, Chapter 318, Acts of 1892, or committed by a Court, or committed by the Overseers of the Poor, cannot be adopted within two years of the date of its commitment, unless the written consent to such adoption is first obtained from the parents, surviving parent, or guardian of such child. Judges of Probate, however, sometimes allow an adoption to be completed within two years after the date of a child's commitment, if the child is a foundling of unknown parentage. Infants who are diseased or deformed must also be counted with those that are ineligible, so that the deduction of these classes from the whole number supported, leaves a limited number from which applicants for infants for adoption can choose. The Board cannot make any discrimination and select cases, but must accept all children lawfully committed to its custody, whether they are healthy, or suffering from hereditary disease, congenital deformity, or moribund through acquired disease, neglect or abuse.

Licensed Boarding-houses for Infants.

Under the present law (Chapter 318, Acts of 1892) no person can take to board at one time more than one infant under the age of two years, unattended by a parent or guardian, and unrelated to such person by blood or marriage without first obtaining a license from the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. Applications for such licenses must first receive the approval of the local Boards of Health; and before granting the licenses, the State Board requires thorough investigations and satisfactory reports by the medical agents of the Department of Out-Door Poor. This law was enacted to abolish the business of "baby-farming," and it has practically accomplished its purpose.

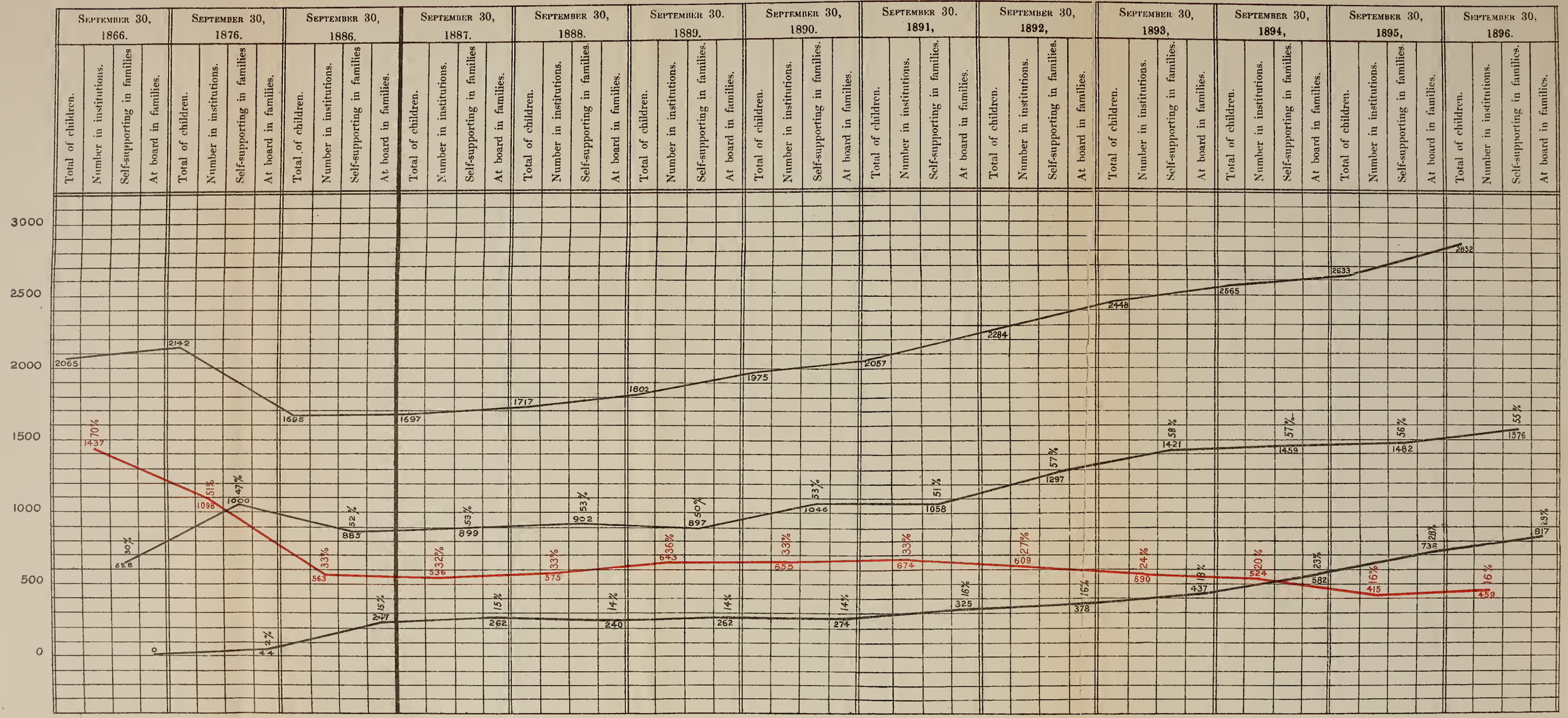
During the last official year, 154 licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants were granted by the Board in 39 cities and towns, in addition to the 155 licenses in force at the expiration of the previous year; 135 licenses expired by the one-year limitation; 32 were revoked, — 31 on account of a change of residence, and one on account of death; and 142 licenses, permitting the boarding of 300 infants in 35 cities and towns, remained in force September 30, 1896. These represent the licensed homes, not only of infants supported by the Commonwealth, but also of those placed out by their parents, by the Boston Children's Aid Society, the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, the St. Mary's Infant Asylum, the Marcella Street Home, the Gwynne Temporary Home, the New England Moral Reform Society, and a few others.

Table showing number of Licenses issued; number of cities or towns where Licensees reside; number of Licenses expired and revoked; whole number in force, etc., for the year ending September 30, 1896, and the four preceding years:

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.	Licenses issued.	Number of towns.	Licenses expired.	Licenses revoked.	Licenses in force.	Applications refused	Reports received.	Infants reported on.	Infants at board.
1892, ...	127	34	-	5	122	9	972	398	272
1893, ...	199	39	155	16	139	20	1,800	768	374
1894, ...	173	42	120	32	159	49	2,997	1,156	382
1895, ...	182	50	134	52	155	68	2,701	1,125	429
1896, ...	154	39	135	32	142	57	2,972	1,235	483

CHART SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN INSTITUTIONS, SELF-SUPPORTING IN FAMILIES AND AT BOARD IN FAMILIES

At the Close of the Official Years, 1866, 1876, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892. 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896.



During the year 1,221 reports were received from persons taking infants to board; 609 from those placing infants to board, and 1,142 of discharges. Of the 1,235 infants reported on, 663 were boys, 572 girls; 448 were legitimate, 567 illegitimate, and 220 unknown. Of these 1,235, 252 died, 293 were returned to their parents, 177 became two years old, and 30 were adopted. The remainder, 483, were at board at the end of the year, — 159 of them in licensed homes, and 324 in homes having but one infant each at any time, and therefore not required to be licensed.

Distribution of Children.

In connection with the accompanying chart, the following table shows the distribution of the children in institutions, and the percentage of the whole number in institutions, self-supporting in families and at board in families, at the close of the official years 1866, 1876, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896.

	September 30, 1866.	September 30, 1876.	September 30, 1886.	September 30, 1887.	September 30, 1888.	September 30, 1889.	September 30, 1890.	September 30, 1891.	September 30, 1892.	September 30, 1893.	September 30, 1894.	September 30, 1895.	September 30, 1896.
State Almshouse, .	178	74	46	60	73	44	37	66	51	42	45	40	62
State Farm, . .	65	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Primary School, . .	466	485	357	300	297	328	336	317	257	198	121	-	-
Lyman School, .	332	349	90	118	142	184	185	200	219	238	234	264	268
State Industrial School, . .	137	127	70	58	63	87	97	91	82	112	124	111	129
School Ship, . .	259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, . .	1,437	1,098	563	536	575	643	655	674	609	590	524	415	459
Self-supporting in families, . .	628	1,000	885	899	902	897	1,046	1,058	1,297	1,421	1,459	1,482	1,576
At board in families, . . .	-	44	247	262	240	262	274	325	378	437	582	736	817
Aggregate, .	2,065	2,142	1,695	1,697	1,717	1,802	1,975	2,057	2,284	2,448	2,565	2,633	2,852
Percentage of whole number:													
In institutions,	70	51	33	32	33	36	33	33	27	24	20	16	16
In families, without board,	30	47	52	53	53	50	53	51	57	58	57	56	55
In families, with board, .	-	2	15	15	14	14	14	16	16	18	23	28	29

The tables immediately following give the location or condition of children visited by the agents of the Department of In-Door Poor, the location of children in families and at board, the movement of the several classes of children subject to visitation, the number of visits to wards and special reports, the disposal of cases of indigent and neglected children and juvenile offenders, — all in the Department of In-Door Poor; and a summary of infants under two years of age reported to the Department of Out-Door Poor, and deaths of infants by ages.

Location or Condition of Children visited during the Year ending September 30, 1896.

1895-96.	Whole Number.	Lyman School — Children — Boys.	State Industrial School Children — Girls.	Juvenile Offenders.		Neglected Children.		Dependent Children.	
				Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
In place,	913	172	127	87	13	157	127	150	80
With friends,	491	276	39	145	5	15	8	3	-
In place at board,	623	-	-	41	9	209	123	166	75
In other institutions, not penal,	59	1	18	10	1	4	10	7	8
In penal institutions,	28	9	15	3	1	-	-	-	-
Runaways,	42	10	11	12	-	5	2	2	-
Whereabouts unknown,	33	17	10	3	-	1	1	1	-
Total number subject to visitation Sept. 30, 1896,	2,189	485	220	301	29	391	271	329	163
Died,	9	3	1	-	-	3	1	-	1
Returned during year,	26	19	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Married,	27	3	17	-	-	-	5	1	1
Discharged,	275	8	2	52	2	58	43	76	34
In United States Service,	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Became of age,	41	-	39	2	-	-	-	-	-
Dropped from visitation,	84	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred to Dept. Out-door Poor,	13	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-
Lyman School,	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
State Industrial School,	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts Reformatory,	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total number visited during the official year,	2,677	611	286	357	33	458	327	406	199
				390		785		605	

Location of Children placed in Families September 30, 1896.

LOCATION.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
MASSACHUSETTS:			
Barnstable County,	6	41	47
Berkshire County,	45	9	54
Bristol County,	65	27	92
Essex County,	89	29	118
Franklin County,	68	35	103
Hampden County,	225	77	302
Hampshire County,	176	63	239
Middlesex County,	174	108	282
Norfolk County,	57	39	96
Plymouth County,	33	22	55
Suffolk County,	82	30	112
Worcester County,	125	56	181
Total in Massachusetts,	1,145	536	1,681
MAINE,	10	21	31
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	27	13	40
VERMONT,	93	7	100
RHODE ISLAND,	11	5	16
CONNECTICUT,	135	24	159
Total,	1,421	606	2,027

Location of Children at Board, September 30, 1896.

LOCATION.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
MASSACHUSETTS:			
Barnstable County,	1	5	6
Berkshire County,	1	–	1
Bristol County,	23	17	40
Essex County,	16	20	36
Franklin County,	14	7	21
Hampden County,	102	33	135
Hampshire County,	119	33	152
Middlesex County,	59	40	99
Norfolk County,	34	18	52
Plymouth County,	18	7	25
Suffolk County,	–	3	3
Worcester County,	22	16	38
Total in Massachusetts,	409	199	608
MAINE,	–	3	3
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	–	2	2
CONNECTICUT,	7	3	10
Total,	416	207	623

Movement of Children, subject to Visitation 1895–96.

CLASSES.	Subject to Visitation Sept. 30, 1895.			Placed out during Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.			Aggregate.			Ceased to visit during Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.			Subject to Visitation Sept. 30, 1896.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
From Lyman School, . . .	452	–	452	159	–	159	611	–	611	126	–	126	485	–	485
State Industrial School, . .	–	213	213	–	73	73	–	286	286	–	66	66	–	220	220
State Board of Lunacy and Charity.	320	26	346	37	7	44	357	33	390	56	4	60	301	29	330
As Neglected Children, . . .	395	266	661	63	61	124	458	327	785	67	56	123	391	271	662
Dependent Children, . . .	352	155	507	54	44	98	406	199	605	77	36	113	329	163	492
Total, ...	1,519	660	2,179	313	185	498	1,832	845	2,677	326	162	488	1,506	683	2,189

Number of Visits to Wards and Special Reports during the Official Year.

DATE.	Visits to Wards.		Special Reports.	
	By Visitors.	By Auxiliary Visitors.	By Visitors.	By Auxiliary Visitors.
1895.				
October, ...	564	88	141	23
November, ...	564	43	99	21
December, ...	292	57	81	14
1896.				
January, ...	510	91	74	14
February, ...	313	41	128	23
March, ...	345	66	137	16
April, ...	337	24	141	4
May, ...	719	68	147	3
June, ...	489	84	97	9
July, ...	400	57	116	13
August, ...	303	34	91	6
September, ...	489	89	94	7
Total, ...	5,325	742	1,346	153

Disposal of Cases of Juvenile Offenders and Neglected Children.

DATE.	Number of Court Notices Received.	Number of Court Cases Attended.	Lyman School.	State Industrial School.	State Board of Lunacy and Charity.	House of Reformation, Boston.	House of Industry, Boston.	Fine and Costs.	House of Employment, Lowell.	Commissioners of Public Institutions, Boston.	Filed.	Continued for Sentence.	Overseers of Poor.	House of Correction.
1895.														
October,	212	212	8	4	9	10*	–	–	–	1	16	30	–	–
November,	275	275	7	4*	10	13*	–	–	–	6	18	36	5	–
December,	180	180	10	4	10*	9†	2†	–	–	–	11	32	–	–
1896.														
January,	238	238	7	6*	13	7*	–	–	–	1	18	28	8	–
February,	208	208	10†	8†	3	3	–	15	–	4‡	16	41	–	–
March,	236	236	16†	7	15	4†	–	–	–	3	21	33	–	–
April,	200	199	9	–	15	6	–	–	–	2	12	42	4	–
May,	283	283	9	12	12	9*	–	–	–	–	47	47	5	6
June,	246	246	14†	14*	9	6†	–	–	–	3	11	50	–	–
July,	264	264	18*	9	14	6	–	–	–	–	39	35	1	–
August,	397	397	24	17†	33†	2*	–	–	1	–	36	58	6	5
September,	246	246	10*	6*	21	2	–	–	–	2	17	32	1	–
Total,	2,985	2,984	142	91	164	77	2	15	1	22	262	464	30	11

* One appealed. † Two appealed. ‡ Four appealed.

Disposal of Cases of Juvenile Offenders and Neglected Children — Concluded.

DATE.	Jail.	Reformatory Prison for Women.	Massachusetts Reformatory.	Held for Superior Court.	Fined.	Sentenced to pay Costs.	Put on Probation.	Discharged.	Dismissed.	Failed to Appear.	Recommitted to Lyman School.	Plummer Farm School, Salem.	Total.
1895.													
October,	3	–	5	3	37	–	38	33	3	12	–	–	212
November,	3	–	10*	3	37§	3	87	24	4	5	–	–	275
December,	2	–	5	2	23	–	41	19	3	6	–	1	180
1896.													
January,	5	–	19†	3	30	–	67	15	2	9	–	–	238
February,	2	–	10	1	15*	–	36	35	5	3	1	–	208
March,	3	1	18‡	4	18‡	–	53	30	6	3	1	–	236
April,	1	–	9	4	26†	–	41	18	5	5	–	–	199
May,	1	–	9*	3	40	5	48	24	5	1	–	–	283
June,	–	–	11	3	27	–	59	30	7	2	–	–	246
July,	2	–	7	1	27	–	45	41	9	10	–	–	264
August,	5	1	13	8	45	–	95	27	5	15	1	–	397
September,	–	–	10	3	40	–	64	32	2	4	–	–	246
Total,	27	2	126	38	365	8	674	328	56	75	3	1	2,984

* One appealed. † Two appealed. ‡ Three appealed. § Five appealed.

Summary of Infants under Two Years of Age Reported to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity from October 1, 1895, to September 30, 1896, inclusive, under Chapter 318, Acts of 1892.

SUPERVISION OF—	Number of Reports Received.	INFANTS.																	
		Males.				Females.				Total.	Died.								
											Licensed Homes.			Unlicensed Homes.			Total.		
		Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Unknown.	Total.	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Unknown.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Private,	623	122	86	11	219	64	102	10	176	395	7	6	13	21	19	40	28	25	53
Out-Door Poor,	992	17	46	90	153	12	27	69	108	261	17	12	29	3	4	7	20	16	36
Boston Children's Aid Society,	59	5	3	–	8	5	3	1	9	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Massachusetts Infant Asylum,	193	29	26	–	55	22	20	1	43	98	2	–	2	2	2	4	4	2	6
St. Mary's Infant Asylum,	788	67	92	16	175	53	84	15	152	327	8	9	17	67	61	128	75	70	145
Marcella Street Home,	78	14	2	–	16	15	5	2	22	38	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1
Gwynne Temporary Home,	76	6	3	–	9	7	14	–	21	30	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1
New England Moral Reform Society,	92	1	18	–	19	1	17	1	19	38	2	3	5	1	–	1	3	3	
All others,	71	4	3	2	9	4	16	2	22	31	–	1	1	–	3	3	–	4	4
Totals,	2,972	265	279	119	663	183	288	101	572	1,235	36	31	67	94	91	185	130	122	252

Summary of Infants under Two Years of Age Reported to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, etc. — Concluded.

SUPERVISION OF —	INFANTS.											
	Adopted.			Discharged to Parents, etc.			Became Two Years Old.			Remaining at Board Sept. 30, 1896.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Private,	2	3	5	74	58	132	39	20	59	76	70	146
Out-Door Poor,	8	12	20	8	6	14	39	23	62	78	51	129
Boston Children's Aid Society,	–	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	4	3	4	7
Massachusetts Infant Asylum,	–	–	–	9	11	20	7	2	9	35	28	63
St. Mary's Infant Asylum,	–	–	–	51	40	91	6	13	19	43	29	72
Marcella Street Home,	–	–	–	–	2	2	5	6	11	11	13	24
Gwynne Temporary Home,	–	4	4	6	9	15	2	1	3	1	6	7
New England Moral Reform Society,	–	–	–	4	5	9	1	1	2	11	10	21
All others,	–	–	–	1	4	5	4	4	8	4	10	14
Totals,	10	20	30	155	138	293	106	71	177	262	221	483

Deaths of Infants by Ages.

AGES BY MONTHS.	Private.	Out-Door Poor.	Massachusetts Infant Asylum.	St. Mary's Infant Asylum.	Marcella Street Home.	Gwynne Temporary Home.	New England Moral Reform Society.	All others.
Under one month, . . .	5	1	–	20	–	–	–	–
One month but under two, .	3	10	1	44	–	–	3	1
Two months but under three,	8	7	1	24	–	–	–	1
Three months but under four,	9	2	1	10	–	–	–	–
Four months but under five, .	5	1	1	12	–	–	–	–
Five months but under six, .	4	3	–	7	–	–	1	2
Six months and over, . .	19	12	2	28	1	1	2	–
Totals, ...	53	36	6	145	1	1	6	4

The State Out-Door Poor.

The Department of Out-Door Poor received, during the official year, from 228 cities and towns, 10,123 notices, on account of 25,521 persons. Of these notices, 5,922, covering 8,184 individuals, were on account of persons too sick to be removed, (including 70 notices covering 314 individuals, on account of persons sick with dangerous diseases); 700 notices, covering 3,039 persons, were for wife settlement cases; 3,326 notices, covering 14,123 persons, were for temporary aid and transportation; and 175 notices were for infants. Of the total number of notices, 1,815, covering 6,824 persons, were in cases on account of which a previous notice had been received during the year.

Cases of State Sick Poor.

The number of notices received during the year, under Public Statutes, Chapter 86, Section 25, was 5,922. This law provides that no city or town officer shall be allowed to send to the State Almshouse any person infected with smallpox or other disease dangerous to the public health, or any

other sick person whose health would be endangered by removal; but all such persons liable to be maintained by the Commonwealth, are to be supported during their sickness by the city or town in which they are taken sick, and notice of such sickness must be given to the State Board, which examines the case, and directs the removal of the patient if it deems it expedient. These 5,922 notices were sent by the Overseers of the Poor of 181 cities and towns, and covered 8,184 persons, of whom 5,988 were represented as being too ill to be removed. This number of notices shows an increase of 423, as compared with the previous year, or about 7.7 per cent; and as compared with the official year 1893–1894, an increase of 225, or about 4 per cent. The largest number of notices received in any one month was 786, in January; and the smallest, 381, in November. The number of persons actually supported shows a decrease of 58, as compared with the previous year, and of persons actually sick and requiring medical attendance, an increase of 332, as compared with the previous year.

Of these 5,922 notices, 3,210, or about 54.2 per-cent of the whole number, were from Boston, viz: — 2,970 from the City Hospital, 71 from the Carney Hospital, 106 from the Institutions Department, 33 from the Boston Lying-In Hospital, and the remainder, 30, on account of persons supported at their homes.

The number of visits made by the officers of the Department, in the investigation of these 5,922 notices, was 9,774. As a result of their investigations, the Overseers of the Poor were directed to discontinue aid in 410 cases, —353 in consequence of the recovery of the patient sufficiently to permit his removal, and in the other 57 cases for other reasons manifest to the visitor. In 390 cases all aid was refused; in 355 of these cases because at the time the application for aid was made, the patient could have been removed without danger, and in the other 35 cases for other evident reasons. 4,821 cases were investigated by the visitors of the Department; and in 231 cases settlements were found, covering 382 persons. Among those reported as sick, there were 267 deaths.

Cases of Diseases Dangerous to Public Health.

Of the 5,922 notices previously stated as received in regard to the sick State poor, 70 were on account of "diseases dangerous to the public health", covering 314 persons and 113 patients. These patients cannot be removed to the almshouse, but must be supported during their sickness by the city or town in which they are taken sick. These 70 notices were from 39 cities and towns; 15 being for cases of scarlet fever, 40 for diphtheria, 11 for measles, and 4 for small-pox. Five settlements were found, covering 17 persons.

Cases of Wife Settlement.

The number of notices received under Public Statutes, Chapter 86, Section 31, in cases of poor and indigent persons where the wife has a legal settlement in some city or town of the Commonwealth, but the husband is a state pauper, was 700, from 87 cities and towns, covering 3,039 persons, of whom 297 were sick. This law, as amended by Chapter 211, Acts of 1885, provides that the expense of thus supporting the person who is a state pauper, (written notice having been given to the State Board within sixty days from the time when such aid shall be first given,) shall be paid by the Commonwealth, reference being had to the expense of supporting such persons at the State Almshouse, if thereto committed. The above figures show a decrease in the number of notices, as compared with the previous year, of 77, or about ten per cent; and as compared with the year 1893–1894, a decrease of 501, or about 41.7 per cent. Of these 700 notices, 371 were from the City of Boston. 221 cases were investigated by the agents of the Department and five settlements were found, and 2,339 persons were acknowledged as settled; so that the whole number aided by the State was 695, of whom 206 were sick. The number of visits made in these cases was 792. As a result of these visits, the local authorities were advised to render no aid in one case, and to discontinue aid in 10 cases.

Cases of Temporary Aid.

Chapter 183, Acts of 1877, as codified, Chapter 84, Section 18, Public Statutes, permits cities and towns to furnish "temporary aid to poor persons found therein having no lawful settlement within the State, if the overseers of the poor deem it for the public interest; but except in cases of sickness not for a longer period than for four weeks at one time, or to a greater amount than one dollar a week for each person, or five dollars a week for each family."

This Section, as amended by Chapter 90, Acts of 1891, reads as follows: "A city or town may furnish temporary aid to poor persons found therein, having no lawful settlements within the State, if the overseers deem it for the public interest; but, except in cases of sickness, not for a longer period than four weeks at one time between May first and November first, or for a longer period than eight weeks at one time for cases notified between November first and May first, or to a greater amount than one dollar a week for each person, or five dollars a week for each family; and the overseers shall in every case give immediate notice by mail to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, which Board shall examine the case and direct as to the continuance of such aid, or removal to the State Almshouse, or to some place out of the State, either before or after removal to the State Almshouse, according to law. A detailed statement of expenses so incurred shall be rendered, and after approval by the State Board, such expenses shall be paid from the State Treasury."

The total number of notices received under this law, during the last official year, was 3,326, covering 14,123 persons, from 163 cities and towns. The largest number of notices received in any one month was in January, — 475; the smallest number was in April, — 185. The whole number shows an increase of 348, as compared with the preceding year, or about 11.7 per cent, and as compared with the year 1893–1894, a decrease of 2,612, or about 44 per cent. 580 of these notices, or about 17.4 per cent, were received from the city of Boston. The number of visits made under these notices was 3,453. 1,181 cases were investigated by the

officers of the Department and 164 settlements were found, covering 609 persons. As a result of visitation, aid was discontinued in 354 cases; aid was refused in 87 cases, and in 38 cases, involving 110 persons, directions were given that no aid be rendered, except at the State Almshouse.

It is the general policy of the Board to refuse all applications for temporary aid, excepting in cases where the need of such aid is not likely to continue beyond the period of four weeks in summer, or eight weeks in winter.

Included in the cases of persons to whom temporary aid was rendered, were 514 who, at their own request, were furnished transportation to places out of the State, directly through the Department in Boston. In addition to these, a considerable number were also sent from other cities and towns. During the year bills for the transportation of 729 persons were allowed. These include persons sent out in previous years. Of these 729, 174 were sent to European countries, 226 to Canada and other British Provinces, and 329 to other States.

The destination of the 514 sent from Boston during the year was as follows: —

To Foreign Counties: Austria, 1; Azores, 9; Belgium, 3; England, 62; Finland, 3; Germany, 29; Ireland, 31; Italy, 3; Norway, 3; Portugal, 2; Scotland, 6; Sweden, 12; Switzerland, 1; West Indies, 1; British Provinces, 144.

To Other States: California, 4; Connecticut, 5; District of Columbia, 5; Florida, 1; Georgia, 4; Illinois, 20; Kansas, 3; Maine, 28; Michigan, 4; Maryland, 6; Missouri, 1; Montana, 4; New Hampshire, 7; New York, 50; North Carolina, 4; Ohio, 10; Pennsylvania, 27; Rhode Island, 4; Texas, 1; Vermont, 7; Virginia, 9.

In addition to the above, 49 shipwrecked seamen were sent from Tisbury and Nantucket to New Bedford and Woods Hole, at an expense of $58.20.

The bills examined by the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor, during the official year, on account of cases of sick State poor, wife settlement, dangerous diseases, temporary aid, and burials, were in number, amount, and allowance, as follows: —

CLASSES OF CASES.	Number of Bills.	Amount of Claim.	Amount of Allowance.	Amount of Deduction.
Sick State Poor:				
Boston City Hospital,	2,685	$63,375 00	$30,726 15	$32,648 85
Other cases,	2,561	58,562 14	46,723 54	11,838 60
Totals,	5,246	$121,937 14	$77,449 69	$44,487 45
Wife Settlement,	745	$5,359 69*	5,359 69	-
Dangerous Diseases,	216	7,638 74	4,844 54	2,794 20
Temporary Aid,	3,081	28,104 17	24,599 83	3,504 34
Burial,	1,005	10,441 88	8,656 88	1,785 00
Totals,	10,293	$173,481 62	$120,910 63	$52,570 99

* This amount is not, strictly speaking, a claim; it comprises sums reported for adjustment, under the law.

Notices by Months and Counties.

The notices received by the Department of Out-Door Poor during the official year, on account of cases of sick State poor, wife settlement, and temporary aid, classified by months and counties, are shown in the three following tables: —

Notices by Months and Counties. Sick State Poor.

COUNTIES.	1895.			1896.									Totals.
	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
Barnstable,	–	1	1	–	2	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	5
Berkshire,	7	4	2	12	1	7	4	1	2	11	5	8	64
Bristol,	18	20	31	50	17	19	18	20	30	18	21	26	288
Dukes,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Essex,	18	19	36	53	31	34	34	22	37	17	35	28	364
Franklin,	–	3	6	7	2	3	–	1	1	2	2	1	28
Hampden,	27	28	24	45	34	21	19	22	15	20	25	22	302
Hampshire,	2	4	3	10	6	6	6	2	4	7	2	3	55
Middlesex,	51	57	56	98	49	48	57	61	59	49	42	66	693
Nantucket,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk,	8	3	6	8	8	4	5	4	4	5	7	7	69
Plymouth,	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	3	3	5	5	2	35
Suffolk,	243	202	228	408	269	239	287	300	247	280	294	274	3,271
Worcester,	41	37	70	94	35	66	61	61	65	65	73	79	747
Total Notices,	417	381	466	786	458	449	493	497	468	479	512	516	5,922
Total Persons,	556	513	647	1,189	702	628	645	621	628	664	667	724	8,184
Total Patients,	421	393	473	800	459	448	499	500	469	488	518	520	5,988

Notices by Months and Counties. Wife Settlement.

COUNTIES.	1895.			1896.									TOTALS.
	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
Barnstable,	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Berkshire,	2	2	–	2	1	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	11
Bristol,	2	1	3	16	6	2	2	1	2	1	–	–	36
Dukes,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Essex,	3	1	6	23	7	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	54
Franklin,	–	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Hampden,	1	–	4	11	3	2	2	1	1	–	3	2	30
Hampshire,	–	–	1	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	6
Middlesex,	5	9	16	42	21	7	3	2	6	8	14	8	141
Nantucket,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk,	–	–	–	2	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	6
Plymouth,	–	–	1	–	2	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	6
Suffolk,	6	9	31	191	56	45	8	7	7	7	7	6	380
Worcester,	3	1	1	2	5	1	2	5	–	2	3	–	25
Total Notices,	22	24	63	294	104	62	24	25	17	19	30	18	700
Total Persons,	111	97	286	1,213	488	259	98	96	68	108	141	74	3,039
Total Patients,	16	15	26	132	40	18	8	13	7	4	10	8	297

Notices by Months and Counties. Temporary Aid.

COUNTIES.	1895.			1896.									Totals.
	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
Barnstable,	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	4
Berkshire,	1	4	7	11	12	9	6	5	7	2	8	7	79
Bristol,	26	18	25	31	30	26	11	19	14	18	26	24	268
Dukes,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Essex,	23	46	48	83	36	58	31	32	31	20	36	23	467
Franklin,	1	2	2	3	3	4	1	2	2	1	1	2	24
Hampden,	19	15	23	31	28	20	15	9	13	7	17	19	216
Hampshire,	8	2	4	5	9	1	4	6	5	5	6	5	60
Middlesex,	53	70	110	136	153	125	53	49	45	42	48	57	941
Nantucket,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norfolk,	1	3	3	4	7	5	9	4	5	2	2	4	49
Plymouth,	3	5	8	8	7	6	2	4	1	3	–	2	49
Suffolk,	46	46	112	108	74	83	27	29	32	43	41	48	689
Worcester,	25	32	50	54	32	50	25	28	61	50	31	38	479
Total Notices,	206	243	392	475	392	387	185	187	216	194	220	229	3,326
Total Persons,	874	985	1,597	2,135	1,628	1,812	790	699	944	810	900	949	14,123

Transfers and Removals.

The transfers between the institutions under the supervision of the Board, and the removals therefrom, during the year, appear in the two following tables: —

Transfers.

TRANSFERRED TO—	TRANSFERRED FROM—										
	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	Boston Insane Hospital.	Medfield Insane Asylum.	State Almshouse—Lunatic Ward.	State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm).	Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, etc.	Totals.
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	6
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	13	16
Worcester Insane Asylum,	–	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	20
Westborough Insane Hospital,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
State Almshouse — Lunatic Ward,	–	36	6	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	44
State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm),	15	29	10	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	59
Medfield Insane Asylum,	177	176	129	51	29	45	–	–	–	–	607
State Almshouse,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
State Farm,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals,	192	241	145	73	35	45	7	2	2	13	755

Removals.

REMOVED TO—	REMOVED FROM —																
	INSANE.											SANE.				
	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Insane Asylum.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	State Almshouse—Lunatic Ward.	State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm.)	Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded.	Local Office.	Total Insane.	State Almshouse.	State Farm.	Local Office.	Total Sane.	Aggregates.
Other States, ...	8	25	18	1	16	9	19	11	1	–	108	288	55	199	542	650
Other Countries, ...	37	58	48	–	12	9	35	12	1	2	214	206	29	71	306	520
Friends or Overseers of the Poor, .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	78	–	–	78	78
Town of residence, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,130	135	25	1,290	1,290
Totals, ...	45	83	66	1	28	18	54	23	2	2	322	1,702	219	295	2,216	2,538

After the transfers to the town and private account and the removals from the several institutions named had been made, there remained in the institutions, September 30, 1896, 1,395 persons, classed as insane, to be supported at the expense of the Commonwealth, as follows:

Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	116
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	174
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	146
Westborough Insane Hospital,	96
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	69
Medfield Insane Asylum,	123
Worcester Insane Asylum,	114
State Almshouse, Lunatic Ward,	281
State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm),	188
Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates,	42
Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded,	36
Hospital Cottages for Children,	10
	1,395

Of the 2,538 removed, 322 were insane. Of the latter, 108 were sent to other States, and 214 to other Countries.

Of those removed to other States, 20 were sent to Maine, 12 to New Hampshire, 4 to Vermont, 14 to Rhode Island, 9 to Connecticut, 28 to New York, 3 to New Jersey, 5 to Pennsylvania, 1 to Virginia, 2 to North Carolina, 1 to Georgia, 1 to Louisiana, 1 to Michigan, 1 to Ohio, 1 to Illinois, 1 to Iowa, 2 to Wisconsin, 1 to Tennessee, 1 to California.

Of those removed to other Countries, 13 were sent to New Brunswick, 17 to Nova Scotia, 4 to Prince Edward Island, 5 to Newfoundland, 32 to Canada, 2 to West Indies, 2 to the Cape Verd Islands, 29 to England, 53 to Ireland, 3 to Scotland, 15 to Sweden, 2 to Denmark, 7 to Finland, 8 to Russia, 3 to Austria, 10 to Germany, 6 to Italy, 1 to Belgium, 2 to China.

Settlement Work.

The settlement laws of the state are somewhat peculiar in their character, and a clear understanding of them, with the judicial decisions upon them, involves no little study and experience. The investigation and determination of questions of settlement, and consequent liability for support, as between the Commonwealth and its cities and towns, as between this State and other States of the Union, and, again, as between the State and foreign nations, engages the con-

stant attention of some of the Board's most efficient and diligent agents.

Summary of the Settlement Work done in the Department of In-Door Poor during the Official Year.

Establishments — Particulars.	1895.			1896.									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital.													
Cases entered for investigation,	35	40	43	51	30	30	17	56	33	38	43	41	457
Settlement,	25	37	26	45	22	26	24	39	31	22	25	50	372
No settlement,	9	6	16	3	6	1	6	11	1	7	6	13	85
Withdrawn,	1	–	–	2	–	1	–	1	–	2	2	2	11
Total,	35	43	42	50	28	28	30	51	32	31	33	65	468
Taunton Lunatic Hospital.													
Cases entered for investigation,	23	19	27	19	12	11	36	16	13	53	17	14	260
Settlement,	10	13	22	23	15	14	29	16	16	24	13	23	218
No settlement,	5	7	11	1	–	–	6	2	–	2	7	4	45
Withdrawn,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Total,	15	20	34	24	15	14	35	18	16	26	20	27	264
Northampton Lunatic Hospital.													
Cases entered for investigation,	5	–	–	14	5	–	–	13	1	–	–	14	52
Settlement.	4	–	–	11	–	2	2	3	1	–	–	9	32
No settlement,	1	–	2	1	–	–	2	1	–	6	–	4	17
Withdrawn,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total,	5	–	2	12	–	2	4	4	1	6	–	13	49
Danvers Lunatic Hospital.													
Cases entered for investigation,	21	19	24	17	24	48	23	26	28	22	26	55	333
Settlement,	24	15	16	12	21	33	19	29	21	10	12	62	274
No settlement,	9	7	5	5	1	1	7	5	1	1	–	8	50
Withdrawn,	–	–	–	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Total,	33	22	21	19	22	36	26	34	22	11	12	70	328
Westborough Insane Hospital.													
Cases entered for investigation,	9	32	14	6	25	13	7	7	26	18	14	14	185
Settlement,	8	20	10	16	16	13	13	13	15	8	13	19	164
No settlement,	1	2	4	–	2	1	3	1	4	1	–	3	22
Withdrawn,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	3
Total,	9	22	14	17	18	14	16	14	19	10	13	23	189
Worcester Insane Asylum.													
Cases entered for investigation,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Settlement,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
No settlement,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Withdrawn,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates.													
Cases entered for investigation,	53	24	18	19	25	17	10	12	23	17	–	39	257
Settlement,	30	20	15	22	19	19	9	11	19	5	8	35	212
No settlement,	4	–	9	3	4	2	1	2	1	1	–	5	32
Withdrawn,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Total,	34	20	25	25	23	21	10	13	20	6	8	40	245

Settlement Work — Concluded.

Establishments — Particulars.	1895.			1896.									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
State Almshouse, Lunatic Ward.													
Cases entered for investigation,	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Settlement,	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
No settlement,	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm).													
Cases entered for investigation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settlement,	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	7
No settlement,	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	6
Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	-	13
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded.													
Cases entered for investigation,	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	11
Settlement,	1	4	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	12
No settlement,	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Withdrawn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	2	4	1	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	14
State Almshouse.													
Cases entered for investigation,	54	30	58	42	48	29	30	38	23	34	18	30	434
Settlement,	18	17	23	16	25	29	8	19	14	17	14	29	229
No settlement,	18	5	12	35	16	-	9	14	2	10	5	4	130
Withdrawn,	16	-	10	7	4	4	14	7	1	6	5	4	78
Total,	52	22	45	58	45	33	31	40	17	33	24	37	437
State Farm.													
Cases entered for investigation,	-	4	2	4	-	1	3	6	3	3	8	3	37
Settlement,	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	8
No settlement,	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	6
Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Total,	-	2	-	2	1	-	2	4	-	-	2	3	16
Total for Insane and Idiots.													
Cases entered for investigation,	147	137	128	127	124	119	93	132	124	149	102	177	1,559
Settlement,	103	109	90	132	96	108	97	112	103	72	72	200	1,294
No settlement,	30	22	49	18	13	5	25	25	8	18	13	37	263
Withdrawn,	1	-	2	5	-	3	-	1	-	3	2	3	20
Total,	134	131	141	155	109	116	122	138	111	93	87	240	1,577
Total for Paupers.													
Cases entered for investigation,	54	34	60	46	48	30	33	44	26	37	26	33	471
Settlement,	18	19	23	18	25	29	8	20	14	17	15	31	237
No settlement,	18	5	12	35	17	-	11	17	2	10	5	4	136
Withdrawn,	16	-	10	7	4	4	14	7	1	6	6	5	80
Total,	52	24	45	60	46	33	33	44	17	33	26	40	453
Aggregates.													
Cases entered for investigation,	201	171	188	173	172	149	126	176	150	186	128	210	2,030
Settlement,	121	128	113	150	121	137	105	132	117	89	87	231	1,531
No settlement,	48	27	61	53	30	5	36	42	10	28	18	41	399
Withdrawn,	17	-	12	12	4	7	14	8	1	9	8	8	100
Total,	186	155	186	215	155	149	155	182	128	126	113	280	2,030

Number of cases pending October 1, 1895, ... 238
Number of cases pending October 1, 1896, ... 238

The changes from State to town and private account as a result of settlement investigations were as follows: —

Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

To account of town of settlement,	264	
To private account,	10 —	274

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

To account of town of settlement,	343	
To private account,	23 —	366

Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

To account of town of settlement,	211	
To private account,	5 —	216

Westborough Insane Hospital.

To account of town of settlement,	158	
To private account,	15 —	173

Northampton Lunatic Hospital.

To account of town of settlement,	31	
To private account,	0 —	31

Worcester Insane Asylum.

To account of town of settlement,	1	
To private account,	0 —	1

Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates.

To account of town of settlement,	207	
To private account,	1 —	208

Lunatic Ward of State Almshouse.

To account of town of settlement,	9	
To private account,	0 —	9

State Asylum for Insane Criminals (State Farm).

To account of town of settlement,	6	
To private account,	0 —	6

Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded.

To account of town of settlement,	11	
To private account,	0 —	11

Whole number charged to town of settlement,	1,241	
Whole number charged to private account,	54 —	1,295

The amount charged cities, towns and kindred for the support at State institutions of patients originally entered as State charges, but afterwards ascertained either to have local settlements or to be properly chargeable to private account, was $106,367.44. Of this amount $48,134.87 was for inmates of the State Lunatic Hospitals, $8,393.70 for inmates of the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, $657.39 for inmates of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, $34,322.40 for inmates of the State Almshouse, $14,757.86 for inmates of the State Farm, $101.22 for inmates of the Hospital Cottages for Children.

Summary of the Settlement Work done in the Department of Out-Door Poor during the Official Year.

Classes of Cases, Etc.	1895.			1896.									Totals.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
Sick State Poor.													
Cases investigated,	363	345	346	375	382	477	399	514	323	417	451	429	4,821
Settlements,	22	15	11	11	20	26	17	33	14	22	20	20	231
Persons settled,	32	35	20	21	39	50	31	40	23	25	41	25	382
Wife Settlement.													
Cases investigated,	6	17	26	27	26	54	16	8	8	8	15	10	221
Settlements,	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	5
Persons settled,	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	5
Temporary Aid.													
Cases investigated,	74	90	57	89	116	188	96	117	74	85	97	98	1,181
Settlements,	6	17	16	11	13	28	29	19	3	9	4	9	164
Persons settled,	20	63	51	58	42	109	101	65	16	37	14	33	609
Burials.													
Cases investigated,	-	91	108	-	82	100	81	21	24	16	139	60	722
Settlements,	-	5	-	-	2	2	4	2	3	-	10	2	30
Persons settled,	-	5	-	-	2	2	4	2	3	-	10	2	30
Totals.													
Cases investigated,	443	543	537	491	606	819	592	660	429	526	702	597	6,945
Settlements,	29	37	27	23	35	58	50	54	20	32	34	31	430
Persons settled,	53	103	71	80	83	163	136	107	42	63	65	60	1,026

THE STATE INSTITUTIONS.

The State Institutions under the general supervision of the Board are as follows: —

The Lyman School for Boys, Westborough, — *Superintendent*, Theodore F. Chapin.

The State Industrial School for Girls, Lancaster, — *Superintendent*, Luann L. Brackett.

The State Almshouse at Tewksbury, — *Superintendent*, Herbert B. Howard, M.D.

The State Farm at Bridgewater, — *Superintendent*, Hollis M. Blackstone.

The Worcester Lunatic Hospital, — *Superintendent*, Hosea M. Quinby, M.D.

The Taunton Lunatic Hospital, — *Superintendent*, John P. Brown, M.D.

The Northampton Lunatic Hospital, — *Superintendent*, Edward P. Nims, M.D.

The Worcester Insane Asylum, — *Superintendent*, Ernest V. Scribner, M.D.

The Danvers Lunatic Hospital, — *Superintendent*, Charles W. Page, M.D.

The Westborough Insane Hospital, — *Superintendent*, George S. Adams, M.D.

The Medfield Insane Asylum, — *Superintendent*, Edward French, M.D.

The Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, Foxborough, — *Superintendent*, Marcello Hutchinson, M.D.

*The Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, Waltham, — *Superintendent*, Walter E. Fernald, M.D.

*The Hospital Cottages for Children, Baldwinville, — *Superintendent*, Everett Flood, M.D.

*The McLean Hospital, Waverly, — *Superintendent*, Edward F. Cowles, M.D.

The Lyman and Industrial Schools.

Trustees: Melvin H. Walker, of Westborough, *President;* Elizabeth G. Evans, of Boston, *Secretary;* Henry C. Greeley, of Clinton, *Treasurer;* Michael J. Sullivan, of Chicopee; Elizabeth C. Putnam, of Boston; Charles P. Worcester, M.D., of Newton; Samuel W. McDaniel, of Cambridge.

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* Partly under State control.

The Lyman School for Boys.

(Opened, 1848.)

THEODORE F. CHAPIN, *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

	Dr.	
Receipts —		
Commonwealth,	$74,520 19	
Farm and labor of pupils,	770 23	
Other sources,	64 69	
		$75,355 11
	Cr.	
Salaries, wages and labor,	$26,718 24	
Provisions and supplies,	9,362 58	
Clothing,	5,299 90	
Fuel and lights,	7,283 46	
Medicine and medical supplies,	207 45	
Furnishings,	1,789 60	
Grain, feed and meal,	1,224 24	
School supplies, etc.,	1,562 62	
Seed, plants, farm tools, etc.,	1,832 70	
Other expenses,	5,374 55	
Ordinary repairs and improvements,	4,413 71	
Special repairs and improvements,	9,451 14	
		$74,520 19
Paid into State Treasury,		834 92
		$75,355 11

The market value of the trust funds was $65,705.78 on September 30, 1896.

Number in School, October 1, 1895, 264.

Number in School September 30, 1896, 268.

Average weekly cost per capita, $4.61.

Of the 144 boys committed during the past year, one was nine years old, 6 were ten years old, 15 eleven years, 22 twelve years, 35 thirteen years, 58 fourteen years, 4 fifteen years, and 3 sixteen years; 63 of them were committed for larceny; 30 for stubbornness, 32 for breaking, entering and larceny, and the rest for other offences. 87 boys were placed on probation with their parents, and 125 in other families.

This School shows a generally improved condition, and the boys appear stronger and more healthy. An attack of diphtheria, which appeared the early part of the year, was

vigorously stamped out, and there has been no return of it. In one respect there has been a marked departure from the old rule of segregation, the pupils being now sent, without supervision, from one house to another for school instruction. The object of this is to provide for a better system of grading, but it appears to neutralize, to a considerable extent, the good effects of the cottage system. The Board repeats its objection to the absence of a night-watch in the dormitories.

The house at Berlin has been satisfactorily managed, but it is to be questioned whether additional legislation may not be required to remove the legal obstacles in the way of its establishment as an adjunct to the School.

The State Industrial School for Girls.

(Opened, 1856.)

LUANN L. BRACKETT, *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

DR.

Receipts —		
Commonwealth,	$30,333 04	
Other sources, income,	580 20	
		$30,913 24

CR.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$11,143 90	
Provisions and supplies,	4,796 47	
Clothing,	2,000 90	
Fuel and lights,	2,155 31	
Medicine and medical supplies,	216 09	
Furnishings,	641 21	
Ordinary repairs and improvements,	1,225 03	
Other expenses, including construction,	8,154 13	
		$30,333 04
Paid into State Treasury,		580 20
		$30,913 24

The market value of the permanent funds was $3,300.00 on September 30, 1896.

Number in School October 1, 1895, 111.

Number in School September 30, 1896, 129.

Average weekly cost per capita, $4.17.

Of the 86 commitments during the year, 48 were for stubbornness, 5 for idle and disorderly conduct, 13 for larceny, 5 for fornication, one for drunkenness, 3 for lewdness, 2 for night-walking, 7 for vagrancy and idleness, and 2 for disturbance of the peace. Of the girls outside the School, but in its custody, 45 were with relatives on probation, 112 in other families, 8 at school, 6 at board (5 of them attending school), and 33 married. Of 67 girls who, during the year, passed out of the care of the State, the conduct of 47, or 70 per cent. is reported good.

The number of inmates is steadily increasing, so that the attic dormitories, condemned by the fire inspectors as unsafe, have had to be re-occupied, and it will soon be necessary to provide for the erection of an additional building. Notwithstanding the long illness and enforced absence of the Superintendent, the School continued in its usual orderly and prosperous condition, thus showing the permanent effect of her admirable influence and teachings, and the faithfulness of those left in charge.

The State Almshouse and the State Farm.

These two Institutions are under the direction of a single Board of Trustees. The Trustees are as follows: J. White Belcher, of Randolph, *Chairman;* Payson W. Lyman, of Fall River, *Secretary;* Sarah D. Fiske, of Malden; Leonard Huntress, M.D., of Lowell; Jacob H. Hecht of Boston; Anna F. Prescott, of Boston; Warren E. Rice, of Lawrence.

The State Almshouse.

(Opened, 1854.)

Herbert B. Howard, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Receipts —		
Commonwealth:		
For current expenses,	$138,762 04	
For special expenses,	36,233 05	
Other sources,	1,569 05	
		$176,564 14

	Cr.	
Salaries, wages and labor,	$32,820 96	
Provisions and supplies,	35,550 55	
Clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes,	14,823 29	
Fuel and lights,	15,468 86	
Medicines and medical supplies,	6,262 94	
Furnishings, beds and bedding,	2,310 43	
Ordinary repairs and improvements,	11,056 92	
Extraordinary repairs and improvements,	36,233 05	
Other expenses,	20,468 09	
		$174,995 09
Paid into State Treasury,		1,569 05
		$176,564 14

Average weekly cost per capita, $2.17.

Numbers.

	Sane.				Insane.			Total.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.*	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.*	Total.
Number October 1, 1895,	370	181	40	591	100	373	473	470	554	40	1,064
Admitted during year,	2,448	660	418	3,526	25	53	78	2,473	713	418	3,604
Discharged during year,	2,390	625	390	3,405	27	50	77	2,417	675	390	3,482
Number September 30, 1896,	428	216	68	712	98	376	474	526	592	68	1,186

* Persons fifteen years of age and under.

Classification of discharges: Deaths, 272; Removals, 3,210; Total, 3,482.
Number of maternity cases during the year: confinements, 105; births, 105.
Number of illegitimate births during the year, 72.

The number admitted during the year, 3,604, was an increase of 533 from the previous year. The largest number present was 1,547 on Oct. 2; the weekly average was 1,231, or 64 more than the previous year. Nearly 87 per cent. of the persons admitted were treated in the hospitals. Of the 272 deaths, 39 were among the insane. Among the diseases treated were 245 of syphilis. In the 105 maternity cases, 35 of the mothers were born in Ireland, 10 in England, 31 in other foreign countries, and 29 in the United States. The women in the pauper department manufactured 23,997

articles during the year, and the women in the insane ward 11,757 articles.

Under the authority given and the appropriation passed by the last Legislature, the farm area has been enlarged, summer-houses have been built in the yard of the women's asylum, and the new asylum ward for insane women is nearly completed. The training school for nurses continues with good results, much valuable scientific work is accomplished in the laboratory, and provision will probably soon be made for the employment of a bacteriologist.

The Trustees suggest the need of the renovation of the old asylum ward for women, changes in the maternity wards, — allowing the sun to reach every room, a new store-house, and the erection of a cottage for consumptives.*

The Board sees no reason to change its favorable opinion of the management of this institution, as expressed in its report of last year.

The State Farm.

(Opened, 1866.)

HOLLIS M. BLACKSTONE, *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Receipts —	Dr.	
Commonwealth,	$114,001 06	
Labor of inmates,	3,433 64	
Other sources,	188 39	
		$117,623 09
	Cr.	
Salaries, wages and labor,	$30,213 33	
Provisions and supplies,	31,569 30	
Clothing,	8,409 18	
Fuel and lights,	9,239 05	
Medicine and medical supplies,	1,552 17	
Furnishings,	3,576 06	
Ordinary repairs and improvements,	8,178 06	
Other expenses,	21,263 91	
		$114,001 06
Paid into State Treasury,		3,622 03
		$117,623 09

Average weekly cost per capita, gross $2.00.

* The Board's opinion with regard to the advisability of these and other changes recommended by the Trustees of the several institutions will be found in that part of the Report entitled "Proceedings of the Board."

Numbers.

	Paupers.			Prisoners.			Insane.	Total.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895, .	134	1	135	556	18	574	244	934	19	953
Admitted during year, . .	184	53	237	1,298	34	1,332	100	1,582	87	1,669
Discharged during year, .	155	52	207	1,292	36	1,328	44	1,491	88	1,579
Number September 30, 1896, .	163	2	165	562	16	578	300	1,025	18	1,043

Classification of discharges: Deaths, 51; Removals, 1,028; Total, 1,579.

The population of this institution is made up of three classes, viz., paupers, prisoners, and insane, — the latter occupying that portion of the Institution designated by the law of 1895 as the State Asylum for Insane Criminals. At the end of the official year there were 30 more paupers than at the beginning, and 56 more insane, while the number of prisoners had increased from 574 to 578. The largest number of all classes during the year was 1,248, the smallest 946, and the average 1,098, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 1,203, 887, and 1,002. The largest number of admissions in any one month was 182 in the month of December, out of a total of 1,669 for the year. Among the 1,332 prisoners received, 977 were classed as drunkards, 201 as vagrants, and 139 as tramps; 395 of them had been admitted previously, viz., 238 for the second time, 81 for the third, 26 for the fourth, 17 for the fifth, 10 for the sixth, 9 for the seventh, 4 for the eighth, 6 for the tenth, one for the eleventh, one for the twelfth, one for the thirteenth, and one for the sixteenth time. Of the sentences, 852 were for six months, and 255 for one year, the rest for periods varying from 3 to 24 months. Of the 1,669 persons admitted, 541 were born in Massachusetts, 292 in other parts of the United States, 455 in Ireland, 127 in England, 137 in the British provinces, 30 in Scotland, 6 in Germany, 14 in Sweden, and the remainder in other foreign countries.

Of the 100 cases admitted during the year to that portion of the Institution known as the State Asylum for Insane Criminals, 50 were transferred from State Lunatic Hospitals,

46 were committed directly from penal institutions and by the Courts, and 4 were transferred from the almshouse department of the State Farm. Of the 44 cases discharged, 7 were discharged as recovered. There were 9 deaths. Of the 300 cases remaining in this portion of the Institution at the end of the year, only 212 can be classed as criminal insane, the remaining 88 being those left of the pauper class of insane at the time of the opening of the Asylum. It is suggested that it would be well to separate the non-criminals from the rest of the insane population by transferring and committing all insane inmates of the almshouse department of the Institution to the State Lunatic Hospitals. Of the 344 cases under treatment during the year, mechanical restraint for short periods was used in 13, and seclusion for short periods in 98. An average of 81 inmates have been employed in chair-seating during the year, and an average of 25 on the farm during the summer.

Improvements authorized by the last Legislature, extending the prison department, erecting a workshop, increasing the administrative accommodations of the Asylum for Insane Criminals, and adding to the heating and lighting facilities, are near completion; and the Trustees recommend farther improvements in the building of a new infirmary, the construction of additional cells for sentenced criminals, and the erection of a new cow barn and piggery.

As regards the recommendation of the Superintendent, endorsed by the Trustees, that a law be passed providing that all commitments for offences to the State Farm be by indeterminate sentence, with authority vested in the Trustees to issue permits to be at liberty any time before the completion of the sentence, it appears to the Board that such legislation is inadvisable and entirely unnecessary, — all that it is intended to accomplish by the proposed law being now attained under the Statutes, which give the State Board the authority to release a convict at any time previous to the expiration of his sentence, upon satisfactory evidence of his reformation.

It may be questioned whether, in this admirably ordered Institution, some regular instruction might not be provided to fill the "loafing time" alluded to by the Superintendent in his Report.

The Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

(Opened, 1833.)

Trustees: Sarah E. Whitin, of Whitinsville, *Chairman;* Henry S. Nourse, of Lancaster, *Secretary;* Frances M. Lincoln, of Worcester; A. George Bullock, of Worcester; Thomas H. Gage, M.D., of Worcester; Rockwood Hoar, of Worcester; Francis C. Lowell, of Boston.

Hosea M. Quinby, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1895,		$36,358 51
Receipts —		
State patients,	$44,595 36	
Town patients,	98,421 91	
Private patients,	43,137 03	
Other sources,	6,781 08	
		192,935 38
		$229,293 89

Cr.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$57,320 84	
Provisions and supplies,	53,572 21	
Clothing,	9,695 74	
Fuel and lights,	13,972 06	
Medicine and medical supplies,	1,059 73	
Furnishings,	6,239 28	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	12,169 23	
Extraordinary repairs and construction,	9,854 14	
Other expenses,	15,664 03	
		$179,547 26
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		49,746 63
		$229,293 89

Total resources,	$92,170 35	
Total liabilities,	15,876 79	
Balance in favor of Hospital,		$76,293 56

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.27.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Private.	Insane.	Not Insane.	Dipso-maniacs.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895, . .	455	506	269	545	147	952	-	9	961
Admitted during year, . .	281	295	513	9	54	570	-	6	576
Discharged during year, . .	359	317	282	335	59	663	1	12	676
Number September 30, 1896, .	377	484	234	473	154	858	-	3	861

Classification of discharges: Recoveries of insane, 107; Deaths, 107; Discharged by transfer, 240; Other removals, 222; Total, 676.

The average number for the year was 956, — the largest in the history of the Institution. In addition to the 107 discharged as recovered, 82 were discharged as much improved, and 91 as improved. Of the recoveries, 40 had alcoholic insanity, 25 acute mania, 11 recurrent mania, and 12 acute melancholia; 48 of them had been insane less than one month before admission, 22 less than three months, and 7 less than six months. The whole duration of insanity in 62 per cent. of those who recovered did not exceed one year. Of the 107 who died, 14 died of general paralysis, 13 of phthisis, and 11 of senile dementia. Among the probable causes of insanity in persons admitted during the year, intemperance is assigned in 109 cases, heredity in 37, senility in 33, epilepsy in 32, ill health in 10, worry in 12.

The scope of the medical work at this well-managed Institution has recently been enlarged by the appointment of a corps of four internes, — young college and medical school graduates, desiring to perfect themselves in nervous and mental diseases. They were selected from a considerable number of candidates, after a thorough examination. They will be required to compile and record an exhaustive history of each case on admission, to accompany the assistant on his medical rounds, take notes of all the cases, make urinary analyses and bacteriological tests, and assist at autopsies. They will have the benefit of all the lectures given to the assistant physicians, and together with them will form a training-school under the direction of Dr. Meyer, the pathologist and specialist in nervous diseases, appointed last year.

Five rooms in the basement have been set apart for the purpose of this school, being occupied for library, microscopic, chemical, photographic and other purposes. The entire supervision of the purely medical and laboratory work is now in the hands of Dr. Meyer. The appointment of these internes will greatly relieve the assistant physicians from routine work, and will enable them to devote themselves more thoroughly to special cases. In this matter this Hospital is in advance of all the rest.

No action has yet been taken here toward the establishment of a training-school for nurses, the authorities holding that the beginnings of pathological work and the establishment of a training school for assistant physicians, were of prior importance. The opening of a nurses' school should not be longer delayed.

The new farm-house has now been used and occupied by all the patients willing and able to work on the farm for nearly a year, and has proved a success. Notwithstanding the absence of locked doors, grated windows, and other safeguards, the patients have been kept in order without difficulty. They are happier in their new quarters, and the good effect of their separation from the rest of the inmates is unquestionable.

The Trustees in their Annual Report state the need of two new buildings for hospital or infirmary wards, one for men and one for women, and suggest an early appropriation by the Legislature for that purpose. They also ask for an appropriation to erect a new building for kitchen uses and apartments for outside help. The estimated expense of all these improvements is $160,000.

The Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

(Opened, 1854.)

Trustees: Henry R. Stedman, M.D., of Boston, *Chairman and Secretary;* Ruth S. Murray of New Bedford; Susan E. Learoyd, of Wakefield; Oakes A. Ames, of North Easton; William C. Lovering, of Taunton; Milton Reed, of Fall River; Gerard C. Tobey, of Wareham.

JOHN P. BROWN, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

DR.

Cash on hand October 1, 1895,		$1,726 45
Receipts —		
State patients,	$27,834 05	
Town patients,	100,087 56	
Private patients,	20,501 75	
Other sources,	4,199 44	
		152,622 80
		$154,349 25

CR.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$48,955 99	
Provisions and supplies,	41,971 11	
Clothing,	7,491 22	
Fuel and lights,	13,362 42	
Medicine and medical supplies,	2,271 51	
Furnishings,	7,073 34	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	9,052 65	
Other expenses,	12,132 30	
		$142,310 54
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		12,038 71
		$154,349 25

Total resources,	$46,970 58	
Total liabilities,	19,570 43	
Balance in favor of Hospital,		$27,400 15

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.34.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Private.	Insane.	Voluntary.	Dipsomaniacs.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895,	416	430	176	579	91	840	–	6	846
Admitted during year,	222	210	334	70	28	423	1	8	432
Discharged during year,	252	227	166	273	40	472	1	6	479
Number September 30, 1896,	386	413	150	564	85	791	–	8	799

Classification of discharges: Recoveries of insane, 65; Deaths, 111; Discharged by transfer, 148; Other removals, 155; Total, 479.

The largest number in the hospital at any one time was 890, the smallest number was 725, and the daily average was 819. In addition to the 65 patients discharged as recovered, 45 were discharged as much improved, and 47 as improved. Of the 65 recoveries, 12 had acute mania, and 17 acute melancholia; 28 of them had been insane less than one month before their commitment, 9 less than three months, 9 less than six months, and 2 less than twelve months. The whole duration of insanity in $67\frac{9}{13}$ per cent. of those who recovered did not exceed one year. Among the deaths, 16 were from phthisis, and 15 from paresis. Among the probable causes of insanity of the patients admitted, intemperance is assigned in 52 cases, senility in 29, heredity in 26, and epilepsy in 17.

Twenty-one autopsies were made, with satisfactory results in a number of cases. An unusually large number of patients have been employed, and some new industries have been developed. The women not able to go to the sewing room have been employed in the wards, and altogether a vast amount of work has been done, with great benefit to the patients. A good beginning has been made of a training-school for nurses, and all the attendants are required to take the first year's course in it. Two rooms in the basement of the Institution have been fitted up for autopsies and other pathological investigations, and the authorities are now looking for a competent specialist to undertake the same kind of work as that already instituted in the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

A number of repairs and improvements have been made during the year, and the industrial building, containing four work-shops, and room for employés, has been completed. The renovation and enlargement of the Chapel is nearly finished.

One ward of the Institution is practically given over to the care of recent cases, and the Trustees express the opinion that a new building for the exclusive care and treatment of such cases should be erected. A new gate-house, outside painting, and new bay-windows for the sake of giving more light and air in the oldest wards, are also among the needs of the Hospital, as declared by the Trustees.

The Northampton Lunatic Hospital.

(Opened, 1858.)

Trustees: Adams C. Deane, M.D., of Greenfield, *Chairman;* Sarah M. Butler, of Northampton, *Secretary;* Sarah A. Woodworth, of Chicopee; William D. MacInnes, of Pittsfield; Lyman D. James, of Williamsburg; Elisha Morgan, of Springfield; Alvan Barrus, of Goshen.

Edward B. Nims, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Cash on hand October 1, 1895,		$508 78
Receipts—		
State patients,	$14,058 25	
Town patients,	68,303 38	
Private patients,	18,767 70	
Other sources,	6,815 79	
		107,945 12
		$108,453 90

Cr.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$38,520 17	
Provisions and supplies,	26,008 35	
Clothing,	4,679 84	
Fuel and lights,	7,771 86	
Medicine and medical supplies,	1,297 15	
Furnishings,	3,801 73	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	2,163 05	
Extraordinary repairs and construction,	13,837 65	
Other expenses,	8,526 05	
		$106,605 85
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		1,848 05
		$108,453 90

Total resources,	$28,328 98	
Total liabilities,	16,528 11	
Balance in favor of Hospital,		$11,800 87

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.16.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Private.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895, . . .	275	271	77	396	73	546
Admitted during year, ...	114	95	66	117	26	209
Discharged during year, . . .	97	99	51	125	20	196
Number September 30, 1896, . . .	292	267	75	405	79	559

Classification of discharges: Recoveries of insane, 36; Deaths, 46; Discharges by transfer, 36; Other removals, 78; Total, 196.

The daily average number of patients was 560, — the largest for any year since the establishment of the Institution. The largest number present at any one time was 583; the smallest 544. In addition to the 36 discharged as recovered, 14 were discharged as much improved, and 39 as improved. Of the recoveries, 12 had toxic insanity, 8 acute melancholia, and 13 acute mania; 18 of them had been insane less than one month before admission, 9 less than three months, and 4 less than six months. In 88 per cent. of the recoveries the whole duration of insanity did not exceed one year. Among the deaths, 2 were from paresis, 2 from heart disease, 11 from phthisis, and 2 from apoplexy. Among the admissions, intemperance is assigned as the probable cause of insanity in 39 cases, and heredity in 25.

For some years past a record of the weight of patients at the time of admission and discharge has been kept in this hospital. This record covers 425 cases which have left the institution. Of these, 167 were discharged as recovered; 142 of them gained in weight while in the hospital, 16 remained stationary, and 9 lost. The average gain of the 167 was about $11\frac{1}{3}$ pounds; the average period of their residence was about 5 months. The largest gain recorded was 56 pounds.

The improvements in progress here during the last five years are nearly completed. The wards are now cheerful and convenient, and the light and ventilation of the hospital are second to none in the State. The abundant farm products give the patients excellent nourishment, and all are

well cared for, so far as outward attendance and nursing are concerned. It is to be regretted, however, that a training school for nurses has not been established, and that there is no movement in the direction of the pathological work already begun in other institutions, and no indication of any.

The Worcester Insane Asylum.

(Opened, 1877.)

Trustees: Trustees of Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Ernest V. Scribner, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1895,		$11,662 46
Receipts —		
State patients,	$20,003 49	
Town patients,	54,476 06	
Other sources,	735 62	
		75,215 17
		$86,877 63

Cr.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$23,124 14	
Provisions and supplies,	18,903 58	
Clothing and material,	3,167 05	
Fuel and lights,	5,049 58	
Medicine and medical supplies,	375 23	
Furnishings,	4,972 59	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	8,887 42	
Extraordinary repairs and construction,	10,000 00	
Other expenses,	4,039 71	
		$78,519 30
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1896,		8,358 33
		$86,877 63

Total resources,	$26,178 38	
Total liabilities,	6,055 23	
Balance in favor of Asylum,		$20,123 15

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.06.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895, ...	225	222	121	326	447
Admitted during year, ...	–	20	6	14	20
Discharged during year, ...	18	24	12	30	42
Number September 30, 1896, ...	207	218	114	311	425

Classification of discharges: Deaths, 35; Removals, 7; Total, 42.

One patient was discharged as recovered, and 4 as improved. The 20 patients admitted were women transferred from Westborough Insane Hospital. Among the causes of disease in these 20, heredity is assigned in 3 cases, intemperance in 2, and epilepsy in 3. Among the 35 patients who died, 19 died from phthisis, one from heart disease, 2 from Bright's disease, and 3 from epilepsy.

The recent addition to the women's ward, giving increased accommodations as well as improved bathing facilities, has greatly improved the general condition of the Institution. In spite of the fact that the patients sent here from other institutions for the insane are never among the most efficient workers of the class of chronic insane, the greater portion of them have been profitably employed. Although in the heart of a great city, patients move freely about the grounds, and receive all possible care and attention.

The Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

(Opened, 1878.)

Trustees: Samuel W. Hopkinson, of Bradford, *Chairman;* Solon Bancroft, of Reading, *Secretary;* Zenas E. Stone, of Lowell; Harriet R. Lee, of Salem; William B. Sullivan, of Danvers; Orville F. Rogers, M.D., of Boston; Florence Lyman, of Boston.

CHARLES W. PAGE, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

DR.

Cash on hand October 1, 1895,		$30,209 65
Receipts —		
State patients,	$28,043 21	
Town patients,	114,013 38	
Private patients,	33,570 42	
Other sources,	4,732 93	
		180,359 94
		$210,569 59

CR.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$70,648 73	
Provisions and supplies,	47,283 92	
Clothing,	8,428 46	
Fuel and lights,	7,217 09	
Medicines and medical supplies,	1,190 44	
Furnishings,	4,742 12	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	11,282 02	
Extraordinary repairs and construction,	20,297 63	
Other expenses,	16,799 97	
		$187,890 38
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		22,679 21
		$210,569 59

Total resources,	$60,557 42	
Total liabilities,	18,751 56	
Balance in favor of Hospital,		$41,805 86

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.53.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Private.	Insane.	Voluntary.	Dipsomaniacs.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895,	478	470	177	659	112	941	6	1	948
Admitted during year,	209	220	357	35	37	427	2	-	429
Discharged during year,	295	225	196	284	40	517	2	1	520
Number September 30, 1896,	392	465	180	568	109	851	6	-	857

Classification of discharges: Recoveries of Insane, 59; Deaths, 102; Discharged by transfer, 195; Other removals, 164; Total, 520.

The daily average of patients under treatment was 914. In addition to the 59 discharged as recovered, 59 were discharged as much improved, and 55 as improved. Of the 59 recoveries, 11 had acute mania, 16 acute melancholia, and 8 acute confusional insanity; 35 of them had been insane less than one month before admission, 45 less than three months, 50 less than six months, and 54 less than twelve months. The whole duration of insanity in 83 per cent. of those who recovered did not exceed one year. Among the deaths, 26 were from general paralysis, 17 from old age, 5 from phthisis, and 3 from epilepsy. Among the admissions, intemperance is noted as the probable cause of disease in 52 cases, heredity in 46, old age in 25, and epilepsy in 19.

During the year quite important changes have been made in this Institution, the most noteworthy being the building of a new congregate dining-room, with long corridors connecting it with the main building; new rooms for pathological research and study; and the improvement of many of the wards by the re-laying of floors, painting, decorating, etc. All this work has been paid for from the earnings of the Hospital. The corps of assistants and nurses is very efficient, giving the patients under their care good treatment and kind attention. Good work has been done by the training-school for nurses, now in the eighth year of its existence. There were four graduates last year and seventeen are in the present senior class. All attendants engaged in ward work are required to purchase and study books on nursing, and attend the regular class work and lectures for at least one year, even if they do not become pupils in the training-school. Two married women, graduates of the training-school, have been transferred to the male wing, where they assist their husbands in the care of the patients, with beneficial results. Dr. Worcester, the pathologist, has not been able to enter upon elaborate research in his department, but has done a good deal of scientific and practical work, making thirty-six post-mortem examinations and other examinations and analyses, and preparing and publishing certain reports of special cases.

The matter of non-restraint in this Hospital is carried to an extent far beyond that of any other State institution.

The Trustees urge the early erection of a separate building for the treatment of acute cases, and will ask for an appropriation for this purpose.

The Westborough Insane Hospital.

(Opened, 1886.)

Trustees: Charles R. Codman, of Barnstable, *Chairman;* Emily Talbot, of Boston; George B. Richmond, of New Bedford; Eliza C. Durfee, of Fall River; Benjamin W. Childs, of Worcester; Alden Speare, of Newton; John M. Merriam, of Framingham.

George S. Adams, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1895,		$14,101 83
Receipts —		
State patients,	$24,443 43	
Town patients,	57,810 01	
Private patients,	32,558 43	
Other sources,	245 58	
		115,057 45
		$129,159 28

Cr.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$51,831 19	
Provisions and supplies,	33,789 43	
Clothing,	2,785 45	
Fuel and lights,	9,788 81	
Medicine and medical supplies,	895 34	
Furnishings,	5,255 85	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	4,278 87	
Extraordinary repairs and construction,	3,382 28	
Other expenses,	9,462 58	
		$121,469 80
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1896,		7,689 48
		$129,159 28

Total resources,	$30,995 26	
Total liabilities,	9,983 67	
Balance in favor of Hospital,		$21,011 59

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.894.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Private.	Insane.	Voluntary.	Dipsomaniacs.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895, . .	209	358	125	342	100	561	4	2	567
Admitted during year, . .	116	160	204	27	45	256	11	9	276
Discharged during year, . .	116	179	233	18	44	279	9	7	295
Number September 30, 1896, .	209	339	96	351	101	538	6	4	548

Classification of discharges: Recoveries of insane, 51; Deaths, 44; Discharged by transfer, 101; Other removals, 99; Total, 295.

Besides the 51 patients discharged as recovered, 50 were discharged as much improved, and 27 as improved. Of the recoveries, 16 had acute melancholia, and 18 acute mania; 16 of them had been insane less than one month before admission, 19 less than three months, and 5 less than six months. The whole duration of insanity in 80 per cent. of those who recovered did not exceed one year. Among the deaths, 8 were from general paralysis, and 14 from senile dementia. Among the admissions, intemperance is assigned as the cause of disease in 25 cases, senility in 9, ill health in 30, and epilepsy in 9.

With regard to the claim of the Trustees that there is a much larger percentage of recoveries here than at the other hospitals, the Board stated, in its last Annual Report, that "it must be remembered that the use of the word recovered depends entirely upon the point of view, and in some instances where the authorities at Westborough discharge a patient as recovered, other hospitals may discharge him as 'much improved', or 'improved'. It should be noted besides that the percentage of recoveries here is based upon the number of alleged curable cases, instead of the number of admissions, which is the case at the other hospitals, and also that the method of diagnosis followed is apparently different from that employed at the other hospitals." The Trustees having recently questioned the correctness of this statement, it seems proper to repeat and emphasize it here. It is a simple matter of record that Westborough Insane Hospital has been accustomed to base its percentage of cures

upon alleged curable cases, and in no other way, while other hospitals base their percentage of cures upon either admissions or discharges, and in no other way. Thus the Superintendent of Worcester Lunatic Hospital, in his Report for the year ending September 30, 1895, says: "the percentage of recoveries calculated upon the average number of discharges and deaths was 18.31; calculated on the number of admissions it was 21.28." The Superintendent of Taunton Lunatic Hospital, in his Report for the same year, says: "the percentage of recoveries calculated upon the admissions was 19.7, and calculated upon the discharges, including the deaths, was 23." The Superintendent of Northampton Lunatic Hospital, in his Report for the same year, says: "the percentage of recoveries on the number admitted was 13.9; on the whole number who left the Hospital, 23.89." Now, the latter method of obtaining the percentage is certain and upon a definite basis; the former is uncertain and unreliable. The number of admissions to an institution is a fixed quantity, while the number of curable cases depends entirely upon the point of view. The other hospitals do not state the number of cases they consider curable, but Westborough not only declares the number of inmates admitted to its own institution diagnosed by its Superintendent as curable, but assumes to make a similar diagnosis for the other institutions, reaching its conclusion by classifying as *curable* all cases appearing in the annual reports of the institutions as cases of acute mania, acute melancholia, puerperal insanity, and confusional insanity; and all others as *incurable;* — it being certainly questionable whether a consensus of alienists would lead to a like conclusion.

The difference in the method of diagnosis followed by this Institution and by some of the others is well illustrated by the following table, showing the ratio of acute cases to the whole number of admissions for the year ending September 30, 1894.

	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.
Admissions, ...	581	370	304
Acute cases, ...	189	135	62
Percentages, ...	32.5	36.4	20.3

The difference in diagnosis is at once apparent. The number claimed by Westborough Hospital as acute being only 20.3 per cent., while that of Worcester is 12.2 greater and that of Taunton 16.1 per cent. greater, it follows that the percentage of recoveries must be very much larger at Westborough than at either of the other two institutions, — all three hospitals receiving practically the same class of cases. The difficulty and misunderstanding would be at once removed were the Westborough authorities to place their percentage of recoveries upon the same basis as that of the other hospitals. And if it seems desirable to make comparisons, the method adopted in the following table, — in which are considered, not all the recoveries within each official year, but the recoveries only of patients admitted within that year, during a period of three years, — would lead to fair results.

	Number of Patients admitted within the past three years.	Recoveries of Patients admitted within the past three years.	Percentage of recoveries.
Northampton Hospital, .	580	75	12.9
Westborough Hospital, . .	785	97	12.3
Worcester Hospital, . .	1,646	167	10.1
Taunton Hospital, . . .	1,186	120	10.1
Danvers Hospital, . . .	1,125	111	9.8

The Board has been glad to observe an improvement in this Institution from time to time during the year. The wards have been greatly relieved by the removal of disturbed patients to Medfield; more attention has been paid to the patients' personal appearance, and the condition of the wards;

the nurses are more attentive, neater, and more diligent; the patients are under better control, and a greater variety of work and amusement has been provided for them; and on the whole, there is decided progress in matters of general order and good management.

The Trustees, in common with the Trustees of other State institutions for the insane, recommend the erection of a detached building for the treatment of acute cases.

The Medfield Insane Asylum.

(Opened, 1896.)

Trustees: John G. Park, M.D., of Groton, *Chairman;* Elizabeth Thurber, of Plymouth, *Secretary;* Ira G. Hersey, of Hingham; William O. Blaney, of Boston; Edwin V. Mitchell, of Medfield; Benjamin S. Atwood, of Whitman; Elizabeth G. Rice, of Brookline.

Edward French, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Dr.

Receipts —		
State patients,	$1,526 00	
Town patients,	5,352 67	
State maintenance appropriation,	31,652 60	
Other sources,	1,009 41	
		$39,540 68

Cr.

Salaries, wages and labor,	$12,213 73	
Provisions and supplies,	11,675 11	
Clothing and material,	3,280 38	
Fuel and lights,	2,390 77	
Medicine and medical supplies,	109 58	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	8 55	
Other expenses,	5,391 59	
		$35,069 71
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1896,		4,470 97
		$39,540 68

Total resources,	$44,086 56	
Total liabilities,	14,114 09	
Balance in favor of Asylum,		$29,972 47

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.21.

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	State.	Town.	Total.
Admitted during year, ...	298	302	138	462	600
Discharged during year, ...	26	11	7	30	37
Number September 30, 1896, ...	272	291	131	432	563

Classification of discharges: Deaths, 24; Removals, 13; Total, 37.

When completed, this Institution will have thirty-seven buildings, situated on the slope of a hill in the town of Medfield, with 426 acres of land bordering on the Charles River. Eighteen of these buildings are designed for patients, — the upper stories for sleeping purposes and the lower for sitting and work rooms. Most of them will accommodate about fifty patients each, but two are capable of holding one hundred each. Some of them are provided with dining-rooms, but all patients who are able will use the general dining-rooms in the centre of the quadrangle, each dining-room being capable of seating about five hundred persons.

The Hospital was opened May 1, 1896, by proclamation of the Governor, and on that day the Board made a transfer to it of 120 patients,— 60 women and 60 men, from Taunton Lunatic Hospital. May 12, 29 women were received from Northampton Lunatic Hospital; May 27, 30 women and 20 men from Westborough Insane Hospital; June 4, 110 men and 64 women from Worcester Lunatic Hospital; June 6, 24 women, and June 11, 20 women and one man from Boston Insane Hospital, Austin Farm; June 23, 71 women and 106 men from Danvers Lunatic Hospital; making, with five other patients received from different hospitals at different times a total of 600, 302 women and 298 men.

Twelve buildings out of the eighteen are now occupied, and it is expected that the remaining six will be completed within a few months, when the establishment will easily accommodate one thousand patients, and with a little crowding, twelve hundred.

The affairs of the Hospital are now running very smoothly. The female patients have been largely employed in the mending-room, laundry, kitchen, and in sewing and knitting in the wards; the men in the dining-rooms, the laundry and kitchen, and on the farm. For some time to come there will be work enough on the grounds for all the male patients fit for labor. Nearly two hundred of the patients take their meals in the dormitories, the rest in the general dining-rooms.

This Institution has already cost more than twice as much as was contemplated at the outset, and in spite of the enormous amount of money already spent upon it, certain faults in construction have already appeared. The most serious problem is the inadequacy of the water supply; the driven wells have proved a failure, and all the water required for drinking purposes is now hauled in barrels.

The Board wholly disapproves of the recommendation of the Trustees that the laws establishing the Asylum be so amended as to provide for the admission of acute cases, thus placing the Asylum upon the same basis as the State Hospitals. On no account should there be any departure from the intention of the Act of 1892, and the purpose of all succeeding legislation in regard to the matter, in making the Asylum an institution for the care and treatment of the chronic insane.

The Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates,— Foxborough.

(Opened, 1893.)

Trustees: Edward Cowles, M.D., of Belmont, *Chairman;* Anna Phillips Williams, of Boston; Robert H. Richards, of Boston; Benjamin H. Hartwell, M.D., of Ayer; J. G. Pinkham, M.D., of Lynn.

MARCELLO HUTCHINSON, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

DR.

Cash on hand October 1, 1895,		$6,818 06
Receipts —		
State appropriation for current expenses,	$20,000 00	
State patients,	12,187 24	
Town patients,	11,708 94	
Private patients,	2,036 92	
Other sources,	*4,984 10	
		50,917 20
Total,		$57,735 26

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Salaries, wages and labor,	$19,622 54	
Provisions and supplies,	11,233 80	
Clothing,	2,100 34	
Fuel and lights,	4,524 00	
Medicine and medical supplies,	398 46	
Ordinary repairs and construction,	1,164 25	
Other expenses,	†13,536 37	
		$52,579 76
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		5,155 50
Total,		$57,735 26

Resources:

Cash on hand,	$5,155 50	
Bills receivable,	5,873 84	
		$11,029 34

Numbers.

	State.	Town.	Private.	Total.
Remaining in hospital October 1, 1895,	70	51	8	129
Admitted during year,	239	21	11	271
Final discharges during year,	50	93	11	154
Leaves of absence during year,	179	47	10	236
Elopements during year,	84	62	8	154
Remaining in hospital September 30, 1896,	75	48	12	135

* The receipts include $4,382.70 from sale of brooms.

† The expenditures include $4,784.55 on account of broom shop.

The number of patients admitted during the year, 271, was 59 more than during the preceding year, and the daily average, 145, was an increase of more than 20 over the preceding year. The weekly average cost of support per patient has been steadily reduced from $11.18 four years ago to $8.41 three years ago, $7.00 two years ago, and $6.32 last year. The patients have been employed in the dining-rooms, kitchen, laundry, boiler-house, in the care of the barn and stock, in the vegetable gardens, in general farm work, and in repairs on the buildings. In the broom shop an average of 60 men have been occupied daily, making about 1,200 brooms per week. This industry is self-supporting. Under the direction of a competent teacher of physical training, who gives his whole time to the work during five days of each week, the use of exercise and baths, as therapeutic agents, has been steadily pursued during the year, nearly all the patients attending the class each day; and the benefit following this practice has been decided and unquestionable. There is a good hospital library, one of the patients taking an active part in its management.

Changes in the Board of Trustees in the Institution, notably in the recent appointment of three experienced physicians, one of whom is Superintendent of the McLean Asylum, are already resulting in a change of methods and a new spirit in the direction of the affairs of the Hospital. The failures of past years and the urgent needs of the Institution are more fully recognized than ever before, and a determination is evident on the part of the Trustees to remedy, so far as possible under existing conditions, the defects which have stood in the way of the success of this experiment in the care, treatment, and cure of inebriates, and to seek for necessary legislation where the present laws have proved inadequate. Foremost among the requirements of the Institution are declared to be a new building for chapel, gymnasium, library and reading-room; and a custodial building to be divided into small wards, possibly with an enclosed garden, with accommodations for 25 or 30 inmates, where a certain class of excited and uneasy patients can be kept under closer supervision than has hitherto been possible, to remain there until in condition to be put on

parole. The Trustees will also ask for legislation giving them authority to discharge persons, who, upon examination and trial, are found to have been improperly committed by the courts, — that is, people who are either simply common drunkards, or are of bad character apart from their habits of inebriety. The Board is heartily in sympathy with this request, and with all movements in the direction of a more effectual accomplishment of the real purpose of the establishment of the Hospital.

The Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, — Waltham.

Trustees appointed by the Governor: Elizabeth E. Coolidge, of Boston; John S. Damrell, of Boston; Frank G. Wheatly, of Abington; William W. Swan, of Brookline, *Secretary;* Erskine Warden, Waltham; Francis Barnes, M.D., of Cambridge.

Trustees appointed by the Corporation: Samuel Eliot, of Boston, *President;* Eliot C. Clarke, of Boston; John Cummings of Woburn; Samuel Hoar, of Concord; Chas. F. Wyman, of Cambridge; George G. Tarbell, M.D., of Boston.

Walter E. Fernald, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Cash on hand October 1, 1895,		$3,676 68
Receipts —		
State annual appropriation,	$25,000 00	
State, for board of unsettled custodial cases,	6,920 62	
Towns, for board of custodial cases,	26,039 35	
Individuals, for board and clothing of private pupils,	4,609 84	
For pupils by other States,	7,301 23	
Sale of stock and junk,	159 17	
Income of funds,	2,757 71	
		72,787 92
		$76,464 60

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Salaries and wages,	$30,787 41	
Provisions and supplies,	15,567 76	
Clothing,	3,460 66	
Fuel and lights,	5,078 18	
Medicines, nurses, and extra medical attendance,	1,594 00	
Furnishings,	1,195 28	
Repairs and improvements,	7,385 44	
All other ordinary expenses,	5,693 25	
		$70,761 98
Interest paid on borrowed money,		950 00
Loans repaid,		3,207 91
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		1,544 71
		$76,464 60

Average weekly cost per capita, $3.25

Present value of permanent fund, $62,206.91

Numbers.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	School.	Custodial.	Total.
Number October 1, 1895,	247	176	423	224	199	423
Admitted during year,	22	18	40	31	9	40
Discharged during year,	17	21	38	24	14	38
Number September 30, 1896,	252	173	425	233	192	425

This Institution continues to maintain its high standard in every respect. Much farm work, grading, filling and other labor, has been performed by the inmates. The new building for boys is progressing rapidly, and will soon be ready for occupancy. The building to accommodate 80 women, authorized by the last Legislature, will be erected during the coming year.

The question of another School, or a division of this, — the separation of the custodial from the school department, — should be carefully considered before the School becomes much larger.

The Hospital Cottages for Children, — Baldwinville.

(Opened, 1882.)

Trustees appointed by the Governor : Jonathan A. Lane, of Boston ; Lizzie R. Fitz, of Boston ; Merrick Bemis, M.D., of Worcester ; David H. Coolidge, of Boston ; Arthur H. Lowe, of Fitchburg.

Trustees appointed by the Corporation : Frederick W. Russell, M.D., of Winchendon ; Herbert M. Small, of Baldwinville ; Francis Leland, of Otter River ; Charles H. Hutchins, of Worcester ; Gilman Waite, of Baldwinville ; Sarah B. Dewey, of Worcester ; Amelia F. Rawson, of Worcester ; Lucy W. Goddard, of Boston ; Henrietta W. Dexter, of Springfield ; Henry S. Lee, of Springfield ; John D. Carson, of Dalton ; William Skinner, of Holyoke ; Sarah R. Greeley, of Clinton ; Sarah E. Whitin, of Whitinsville ; John M. Russell, of Worcester ; George E. Bryant, of Baldwinville.

Everett Flood, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Receipts and Expenses.

Dr.

Balance on hand September 30, 1895,		$1,799 57
Received —		
For board and care current year,	$13,389 97	
For board and care from previous year,	2,753 22	
From Women's Board,	4,420 41	
From Boston Committee for free beds,	2,650 00	
From other gifts,	8,440 19	
Dividends,	1,021 39	
Miscellaneous items,	1,512 22	
		34,187 40
		$35,986 97

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Salaries,	$10,930 87
Provisions and supplies,	4,194 23
Clothing,	115 93
Medicine, etc.,	285 83
Amount carried forward,	$15,526 86

Amount brought forward,	$15,526 86	
Live stock, hay, etc.,	1,726 97	
Repairs and improvements,	2,685 38	
Fuel, lights and water,	1,662 13	
Other expenses,	1,964 91	
Account from previous year,	4,482 73	
		$28,048 98
Additions to permanent fund,		7,500 00
		$35,548 98
Cash on hand September 30, 1896,		437 99
		$35,986 97

The permanent fund has increased from $23,466.39 to $30,966.39.

The number of patients at the beginning of the official year was 105, at the end, 105.

Admitted during year,	87
Discharged during year,	87
Largest number on any one day,	120
Average daily number,	109

The classes of patients cared for in this Institution are children under fourteen years of age suffering from epileptic seizures; children suffering from other nervous disorders; children with certain deformities and other afflictions of the joints; cases needing operations or fitting supports; and a few adults, in Blake Cottage, which is used for private cases only. So far as is known, this is the first institution established in the United States for the care of epileptic patients. Considering the means at the disposal of the management, the work done here is very successful. The buildings have been recently improved, but will never be wholly satisfactory owing to defects in structural arrangement.

The McLean Hospital, Waverly.

Edward Cowles, M.D., *Superintendent.*

This is a branch of the Massachusetts General Hospital, a corporate institution. At the beginning of the official year it contained 136 inmates, — 61 men and 75 women; admitted

during the year 121,— 56 men and 65 women; discharged 107, — 45 men and 62 women; remaining September 30, 1896, 151, — 72 men and 79 women; of those discharged, 29 were discharged as recovered; of the 151 remaining at the close of the official year, 146 were supported wholly or in part by individuals and 5 by the Hospital.

Important additions to the fine buildings have been made during the year, and no effort is wanting on the part of the Trustees and the Superintendent, to maintain the Institution at the high standard already reached.

The Boston Insane Hospital.

This is a municipal institution, but, in common with all receptacles for the insane in the Commonwealth, is subject to visitation and inspection by the State Board. It is divided into two establishments, — one known as Boston Insane Hospital, Pierce Farm, and the other as Boston Insane Hospital, Austin Farm.

Pierce Farm.

William Noyes, M.D., *Superintendent.*

At the beginning of the official year there were 159 inmates,—78 men, 81 women; admitted during the year, 91,—39 men, 52 women; discharged during the year, 100,—40 men, 60 women; remaining, September 30, 1896, 150,—77 men, 73 women. Of those discharged, 7 were discharged as recovered.

The buildings, as far as completed, are in many respects unsatisfactory. They are so arranged that many corridors and passages are dark, and there is much unutilized space. The management is good.

Austin Farm.

Edward B. Lane, M.D., *Superintendent.*

At the beginning of the official year there were 368 inmates,—158 men, 210 women; admitted during the year, 55,— 18 men, 37 women; discharged during the year, 91,—

15 men, 76 women; remaining September 30, 1896, 332,—161 men and 171 women. Of those discharged, 3 were discharged as recovered.

This is now the receptacle for acute cases, and in many ways has become materially improved, especially in the original building, where extensive repairs have been made, the building now being divided into two wards. Under its present efficient management, the patients are comfortable and well cared for.

The Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics.

The Trustees report that three new brick buildings are now in process of erection, very nearly on the site of the old State Primary School, extending along the west slope of the hill, and at a distance of one hundred feet from each other. In the centre of the group is the administrative building, three stories in height, occupied on its first floor by offices, reception room, library, dispensary, and laboratory; on the second by the Trustees' room and apartments for the Superintendent's family; on the third by rooms for the other officers. On either side of this building are hospital cottages for men and women, each designed to accommodate one hundred persons. Each is divided into four wards of equal size, each ward containing a day-room, dining-room, dormitory, and four bed-rooms, besides bath, toilet, clothes rooms, etc. In the basement of each building is the kitchen. The cost of these three buildings, including heating and lighting, is not expected to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. In addition to these, the old hospital building is being remodelled into a cottage for employés, and the old laundry into a laundry, bakery, dynamo room, etc. The contracts call for the completion of the work on or before May 1, 1897.

The Private Insane Asylums.

Licenses for the establishment of two new private asylums were issued by the Governor during the year, after investigation and report by the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. The private asylums in operation at the end of the

official year, September 30, 1896, were thirteen in number and were nearly all in a highly satisfactory condition. They are as follows: —

1. "Woodbourne," Roslindale. Henry R. Stedman, M.D., *Superintendent.*
2. "The Highlands," Winchendon. Frederick W. Russell, M.D., *Superintendent.*
3. Private Asylum, Brookline. Walter Channing, M.D., *Superintendent.*
4. Private Asylum, Norwood. Eben C. Norton, M.D., *Superintendent.*
5. "Riverview," Baldwinville. Lucius W. Baker, M.D., *Superintendent.*
6. "Herbert Hall," Worcester. Merrick Bemis, M.D., *Superintendent.*
7. "Newton Nervine," West Newton. N. Emmons Paine, M.D., *Superintendent.*
8. "Attleboro Home Sanitarium," Attleborough. Laura V. G. Mackie, M.D., *Superintendent.*
9. "Locust Grove Asylum," Sandwich. Alice R. Cooke, *Superintendent;* Geo. E. White, M.D., *Medical Director.*
10. "Broadview Sanitarium," Holyoke. Leo. M. Selling, M.D., *Superintendent.*
11. Private Asylum, Newton. Edward H. Wiswall, M.D., *Superintendent.*
12. "Cutter Retreat," Pepperell. William F. Heald, M.D., *Superintendent.*
13. "Dr. Ring's Sanatorium," Arlington Heights. Allan Mott Ring, M.D., *Superintendent.*

Dr. Russell reports extensive repairs and alterations, including a large increase in the water supply, and provision for ample fire protection, by means of hydrants.

Dr. Paine reports the completion of a new and thoroughly equipped building for ten patients, so that he now has accommodations for eighteen patients.

Dr. Channing reports the repetition, last summer, of his experiment of the previous year in selecting a pleasant house in a quiet town on the sea-shore, where several patients were continuously cared for. They thoroughly enjoyed the change, and gave no trouble whatever, although they had almost unrestricted liberty. They had a feeling of

greater responsibility there than in the comparative confinement of the institution, and amusements and occupations of various kinds were entered into in a less perfunctory spirit than at the asylum proper. On their return they were all found to be improved physically if not mentally. It is Dr. Channing's intention to receive no more male patients, so that his Asylum will eventually become an institution for women only. In his opinion, this arrangement, while providing for better classification, will be likely to secure added efficacy of treatment.

Dr. Heald reports that he has made no special attempt to get new patients, and that at present his institution is rather an old peoples' home than a private asylum.

Dr. Stedman.

	Sane.		Insane.		Total.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
Number October 1, 1895,	2	-	-	6	8
Admitted during year,	4	1	6	5	16
Discharged during year,	5	-	3	3	11
Number September 30, 1896,	1	1	3	8	13

Dr. Russell.

Number October 1, 1895,	2	1	7	7	17
Admitted during year,	9	-	7	5	21
Discharged during year,	8	1	6	6	21
Number September 30, 1896,	3	-	8	6	17

Dr. Channing.

Number October 1, 1895,	3	10	3	11	27
Admitted during year,	3	11	1	4	19
Discharged during year,	5	11	2	7	25
Number September 30, 1896,	1	10	2	8	21

Dr. Norton.

Number October 1, 1895,	-	-	-	3	3
Admitted during year,	-	-	1	2	3
Discharged during year,	-	-	1	1	2
Number September 30, 1896,	-	-	-	4	4

Dr. Baker.

	Sane.		Insane.		Total.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
Number October 1, 1895,	2	8	1	3	14
Admitted during year,	5	20	–	2	27
Discharged during year,	5	19	–	2	26
Number September 30, 1896,	2	9	1	3	15

Dr. Bemis.

Number October 1, 1895,	–	–	–	7	7
Admitted during year,	–	2	–	8	10
Discharged during year,	–	2	–	4	6
Number September 30, 1896,	–	–	–	11	11

Dr. Paine.

Number October 1, 1895,	–	1	3	5	9
Admitted during year,	2	3	7	8	20
Discharged during year,	2	2	6	9	19
Number September 30, 1896,	–	2	4	4	10

Dr. Mackie.

Number October 1, 1895,	–	3	–	1	4
Admitted during year,	–	6	1	1	8
Discharged during year,	–	5	1	2	8
Number September 30, 1896,	–	4	–	–	4

Miss Cooke.

Number October 1, 1895,	–	–	–	2	2
Admitted during year,	–	–	–	–	–
Discharged during year,	–	–	–	–	–
Number September 30, 1896,	–	–	–	2	2

Dr. Selling.

Number October 1, 1895,	–	–	2	1	3
Admitted during year,	4	1	1	3	9
Discharged during year,	3	–	2	2	7
Number September 30, 1896,	1	1	1	2	5

Dr. Wiswall.

	Sane.		Insane.		Total.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
Number October 1, 1895,	1	-	-	6	7
Admitted during year,	5	3	5	7	20
Discharged during year,	4	2	3	11	20
Number September 30, 1896,	2	1	2	2	7

Dr. Heald.

Number at time of opening,	2	5	-	1	8
Admitted during year,	2	-	-	-	2
Discharged during year,	2	-	-	-	2
Number September 30, 1896,	2	5	-	1	8

Dr. Ring.

Number in Sanitorium May 1, 1896,	7	8	-	-	15
Admitted since May 1, 1896,	5	19	-	-	24
Discharged since May 1, 1896,	7	16	-	-	23
Number in house September 30, 1896,	5	11	-	-	16

Total Private Asylums.

Number October 1, 1895,	19	36	16	53	124
Admitted during year,	39	66	29	45	179
Discharged during year,	41	58	24	47	170
Number September 30, 1896,	17	44	21	51	133

The Boarded-out Insane.

By an Act approved June 19, 1885, the State Board of Lunacy and Charity was authorized to place in suitable families throughout the Commonwealth insane persons of the quiet and chronic class, and in accordance with its provisions the first patient was placed in a family in the following August.

Up to the close of the year ending September 30, 1896, 471 cases, — 99 men and 372 women, have been placed at board. The average age of those thus placed was 46 years;

the average time at board, 2 years, 8 months, 1 day. During the eleven years, 266 transfers of patients were made from one family to another; 131 of them because of disturbance of the patient, 59 to make better provision for self-support, 19 to be cared for at home, and 57 from other causes. Of the entire number placed out, 329 have remained in the family where they were first placed, either until their discharge or their return to the hospital. Of the patients remaining September 30, 1896, 2 have been out eleven years, 6 ten years, 10 nine years, 11 eight years, 22 seven years, 24 six years, 13 five years, 16 four years, 8 three years, 7 two years, 4 one year, and 6 less than one year. The largest number at board at any one time was 175; the present number is 129. 17 elopements have occurred, — 10 men, 7 women. There have been 39 deaths, — 12 men, 27 women; and 18 of those returned to hospitals on account of physical disability died within three months after their return.

Sufficient time has now elapsed to form an estimate of the result of the experiment, with reference to the well-being of the patients, to hospital management, and to the community at large.

First, with regard to the patients. An improved condition is to be found in typical cases placed in typical families; that is to say, in chronic cases of good physical health and quiet and tidy habits, placed in families without young children, and one or both of whose heads have had hospital training. In such a family the patient enjoys home comforts and pleasures and a measurable return to his former habits of life; while, through the previous training which the care-takers have received, enough of the hospital system appears to help ordinary family government. In such a situation the flickering remnants of mental activity are stimulated by the presence of old and familiar habits, and the patient is happier than in the hospital. Such combinations in families, however, are very rare, there being among all those who have patients to board but a single instance where both husband and wife have had hospital training. This family has had continuously four male patients, who are comfortable and well cared for, and the family is making money.

A large hill farm has been purchased by them, and, — largely through the aid of the patients' labor, and the revenue derived from their care and support, — has been paid for, and is now quite productive. These people are thrifty, good managers, not afraid of work or the sacrifice of personal comfort, and yet even they are tiring of the strain which this constant and unremitting attendance occasions. They can never leave home together without first securing some reliable neighbor to take charge in their absence; and as this is not always easy to arrange, one or the other almost invariably remains on the farm.

Again, there are several families where one member has had hospital training, and in these cases, on the whole, the experiment may be regarded as fairly successful.

In regard to those families that have had no previous experience with insane people, it is fair to state that they provide excellent homes for some of the milder cases, but as a rule, the duty they undertake is a somewhat difficult one. Only such patients can be given them as are entirely tractable, little more than pieces of animated machinery, simply requiring to be comfortably clothed, housed and fed; these, on the whole, they take good care of; and there are several instances of this kind where patients have remained many years in the same family.

There remain other classes of families where patients have been placed for a time, — such as families who take patients simply for the sake of gain; families where the homes are cheerless and unattractive, and the care-takers unsympathetic; families having young children, either as inmates or frequent visitors, (and it may be said here that the companionship of a person afflicted with insanity is extremely unsuitable for young and unformed minds, and is sometimes even attended with dangerous results); and families receiving patients who partly pay for their board in work. Under conditions otherwise favorable, some of these homes may be regarded as fairly satisfactory, but in many, trouble has so often arisen as to render necessary frequent changes of location. It is a significant fact that the demand for insane boarders invariably exceeds the supply, a considerable number of persons in different parts

of the State being always ready to receive and care for all the patients offered them, for the small amount paid, — $3.25 per week being the highest rate allowable under the law. One applicant, for instance, stated that he had recently purchased a farm, on which there was a heavy mortgage, and he wished to take insane boarders in order to pay it off. Of course, this motive of personal gain, necessarily existing to some extent in every case of family care, does not exist at all in a hospital.

In cases, (and they are in a large majority), where patients are expected, if for nothing more than their own good, to assist in the work of the family, there is always danger that too much work may be imposed upon them, and the most careful scrutiny has to be used to guard against this abuse. In the case of a patient whose mind is so impaired that his testimony cannot be rated at its true value, or who is too demented to express himself clearly on the subject at all, it is comparatively easy for the care-taker to conceal from the visitor the advantage taken of the patient's condition, and the imposition of tasks too severe for his strength. Such abuse has sometimes arisen without any intention or disposition to do wrong on the part of the care-taker, but because of insufficient knowledge of the patient's capacity for work, the criterion being that of a person in good mental and physical condition. Of course in an institution such conditions cannot obtain, for under the eyes of an expert official and the supervision of trained employés, the idiosyncrasies of all patients are recognized and their ability is rated at its true value.

A large majority of those boarded out are women, who are much more tractable than men, and more inclined to try the experiment; for no patients are ever placed out against their will, if they possess sufficient intelligence to make their preference known.

It may be observed here that patients in families are necessarily deprived of almost all the advantages of social life, the amusements and entertainments, which form so large a feature of the ordinary hospital routine.

During the eleven years since this system was inaugurated, 34 patients have been discharged as self-supporting. These

have mostly first been allowed parole; they are then visited in as quiet a manner as possible (for they often become quite sensitive on the question of the State's authority and continued visitation); and after they have satisfactorily shown their ability to support themselves, they are discharged. For these patients the system may certainly be said to work very well.

While the system was intended primarily and expressly for the care of the chronic insane, it seems to apply most happily to those who are on the road to recovery, the boarding-places proving convalescent homes for them, from which they go out to resume their places in the world. There have been several cases placed out who entirely recovered in this way, but whose recovery would have been doubtful or very much delayed had they remained in the hospital.

Among the obstacles to the entire success of the system may be mentioned the difficulty of securing in case of illness the same care that can be obtained without the slightest delay at the hospitals.

With regard to the effect of the system upon the hospitals themselves, it must be declared to be of but little, if any, value. The classes required both by law and necessity to be boarded out are those easiest to care for in the hospitals. The majority of such patients make no trouble, can sleep in dormitories without special watching, and are able not only to take care of themselves but to aid in the care of others. The number of paid employés in our hospitals is so small that much of the work must be done by patients, with the result not only of a considerable saving to the State but of being a wise adjunct to the treatment of the patient. Thus the greatest number eligible for boarding out are either quiet patients, doing no work, and requiring the minimum of hospital care, or else chronic cases, helpful to themselves and others, whose departure reduces the working force of the hospital. It is due the several Superintendents to say that they have greatly assisted in the trial of the system, and in many cases, have gone so far as to recommend some of their most efficient workers.

A word remains to be said with regard to the effect of the system upon the community at large. Notwithstanding the

fact, already stated, that the demand for patients is always greater than the supply, the number of families in the State who really care to take such boarders is after all comparatively small. They fear danger to themselves and the patients, and even where they do not hesitate on their own account, their neighbors have the moral if not the legal right to demand that no person shall be placed near them liable to injure them or their property. The influence on children is far from good, as already stated, and most women shrink from near association with persons of impaired intellects.

The law permits none but State cases to be boarded out under the direct authority of the Board. In all city and town cases, the consent of the Overseers of the Poor must first be obtained, and in most instances the town authorities either are inclined to disbelieve in the system, or, if they approve of the boarding out of patients, prefer to care for them in their own almshouses. This reluctance on the part of the Overseers of the Poor is one serious obstacle to the success of the system. During the year ending March 31, 1896, 86 persons were discharged to the Overseers of the Poor from the different hospitals, most of whom were eligible for boarding in families. Were small towns forbidden by law to make their almshouses receptacles for the insane, the number of those boarded out would be largely increased.

It may be fairly concluded, then, that convalescent cases receive the most benefit, and that for them the system is best suited; that chronic and incurable cases can be placed out to good advantage, under proper conditions, which are difficult to find; that there are comparatively few patients who receive more benefit than if they remained in a hospital; that the happiness and comfort of a large majority of those now out at board have not been increased by the change; that neither the hospital nor the Commonwealth is materially benefited; that the community at large has certain claims in regard to the subject that the State should not ignore; that under the present laws the system can be extended very slowly, if at all.

The record for the past year shows thirteen less patients in families than were reported a year ago, and the number

placed out during the year, three less than the year before. There has been the same effort to place out patients during the year, and the lack of material alone has prevented the advance of the system.

During the year twelve cases have been returned to institutions for various reasons, and two women have been discharged recovered. Five cases, (one being a woman twice returned), became unmanageable in private families; four were returned for hospital treatment, — two at the request of friends; one was discharged to the Overseers of the Poor; six have died, — one from epilepsy, one from exhaustion from chronic mania, two from disease of heart, one from phthisis, and one from Bright's disease.

The patients are distributed in towns and cities as follows: —

Bristol County, 13, viz.: Easton, 3; North Attleborough, 1; Norton, 3; Taunton, 6.

Essex County, 1, viz.: Danvers, 1.

Franklin County, 2, viz.: Ashfield, 1; Hawley, 1.

Hampden County, 3, viz.: Monson, 1; Southwick, 1; Springfield, 1.

Hampshire County, 19, viz.: Cummington, 2; Easthampton, 2; Goshen, 6; Northampton, 1; Williamsburg, 8.

Middlesex County, 33, viz.: Arlington, 1; Framingham, 1; Marlborough, 3; Newton, 3; Tewksbury, 23; Tyngsborough, 2.

Norfolk County, 17, viz.: Dover, 5; Foxborough, 2; Norwood, 2; Walpole, 8.

Plymouth County, 7, viz.: East Bridgewater, 3; West Bridgewater, 4.

Suffolk County, 5, viz.: Boston, 4; Chelsea, 1.

Worcester County, 25, viz.: Athol, 4; Northborough, 4; North Brookfield, 9; Oakham, 1; Shrewsbury, 1; Southborough, 1; Sutton, 1; Westborough, 3; Winchendon, 1.

There are also three patients outside the State, viz.:

Kensington, N. H., 1; North Barnstead, N. H., 1; Providence, R. I., 1.

Also one case of elopement since May 9, 1895.

Statistics from October 1, 1895, to September 30, 1896.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Boarded in families September 30, 1895,	26	116	142
Placed out from Sept. 30, 1895, to Sept. 30, 1896,	1	7	8
Whole number of cases during the year,	27	123	150
Whole number of persons during the year,	27	122	149
Cases returned to institutions,	2	10	12
Cases discharged recovered,	–	2	2
Cases discharged to Overseers of Poor,	–	1	1
Cases died,	1	5	6
Whole number of discharges,	3	18	21
Remaining September 30, 1896,	24	105	129
State patients,	10	23	33
Town patients,	6	69	75
Private patients,	7	9	16
Self-supporting patients,	1	4	5

Average number during the year,	133.63
Average number during the year supported at public expense,	113.80
Total cost of board for pauper patients,	$18,439 47
Total cost of clothing,	$36 18
Total cost of supervision (including salaries),	$1,506 78
Weekly cost of pauper patients (including supervision),	$3 36

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
At board September 30,	5	34	73	80	110	148	155	175	164	158	142	129
Average number,	–	21	60	113	94	126	142	168	168	158	147	134

General Care of the Insane.

Three years ago in its Annual Report the Board called attention to the general care of the insane in the State Hospitals, and intimated that this was not altogether satisfactory, especially if regarded from a medical and scientific point of view. The following year the subject was again alluded to, and considered at some length. Speaking of the existing standard of care in Massachusetts as certainly a high one, the Board seriously questioned whether the hospitals of

the State ought not rather to be denominated asylums, in view of the fact that they were in charge of physicians upon whom were imposed custodial duties requiring no medical knowledge or training, and in view also of the character of a great part of their inmates. The Board went on to declare that in order to secure a high degree of hospital excellence there must be "a more precise and complete system of records, closer medical relation with inmates, training-schools to create a better class of attendants, and a more ample use of the vast opportunities for scientific study furnished by the very considerable number of institutions under the control of medical superintendents." Taking the McLean Hospital as the best illustration of an institution answering the highest requirements that the State has yet offered, the Board proceeded to illustrate and emphasize these several points in detail, and to urge especially the general establishment of training-schools for nurses, a better classification of inmates, the building of infirmaries, more and better occupation for the insane, and, as of very great importance, provision in the institutions for laboratory work under the direction of trained pathologists.

In its last Report, in considering the general subject of the care of the insane, the Board advised the appointment of resident internes at the several State institutions; repeated its observations with regard to the importance of the occupation of as many of the insane as it is possible to employ; urged the necessity of careful attention to the nursing of acute cases; suggested the provision of homes for hospital nurses outside the hospitals; spoke of the importance of training-schools, and recognized the success of those already established; referred to the matter of proper attention to the food of insane patients as of great importance, both as an aid to recovery in curable cases and as productive of better condition of body and mind in the incurable; and advised more frequent conferences among superintendents for study of methods and comparison of work.

Within the last two years a new life and movement have been manifest throughout our institutions for the insane, until now there is to be found a condition of things in which the hospitals are apparently vying with each other in their

efforts to reach and maintain the highest standard of management. Training-schools are already established in nearly all of the hospitals, — in one of them a training-school for physicians rather than for nurses having been judged of primary importance; almost all have either already provided or will soon provide for the appointment of special pathologists; most of them are asking for the establishment of buildings for the separate treatment of the sick, and of acute cases also; well equipped laboratories are either already built or in prospect; a renewed interest is taken in the study of recent cases; special efforts are being made in the way of exhaustive examination of all cases upon their admission; farm-houses where all patients who are able to work can live and enjoy a certain degree of freedom outside of the large buildings are built or planned for; greater care is taken in the selection of nurses as well as in training them; drugs in the form of chemical restraint are largely done away with, and there is less and less restraint of any kind; in brief, our institutions are becoming, not only fully alive to their deficiencies, but earnest in their efforts to remedy them.

A large proportion of the insane are and always will be of the chronic class; and for these, good housing, good food, kind treatment, and as much occupation as they are able to perform, are the prime requisites, and indeed the sole essentials. There remains the class of cases commonly known as recent or acute, a considerable proportion of which are recognized as curable, and in these there is to be applied not only the treatment given to the rest, but the most careful, thorough and painstaking study, and the use of all the aids that the most enlightened science can afford. And these cases are to be studied, not only for the sake of the patients themselves, but for the purpose of the prevention of insanity in others; and to this end all the new study of insanity inevitably tends. How best to care for, how to cure, and how to prevent, — these are the three elements of the great problem, — the first easy, the second difficult, the third the most difficult of all.

There is no question, then, that the State must go on with its good work, and while recognizing the fact that some

serious mistakes have been made in the past in unwise expenditures, in the erection of needlessly expensive buildings, and, in some cases, in a lamentable waste of the people's money, must place in the hands of competent boards of trustees sufficient funds not only for the equipment of the institutions, but for a thorough prosecution of pathological and clinical research and study.

In all our hospitals a more careful classification should be made, entirely separating the acute cases as well as the sick from the rest; and farm-houses for those able to work, and outside buildings for the accommodation of the nurses should be provided. The farm-houses need not necessarily be upon the hospital grounds proper, but might be established at some distance. Not only patients accustomed hitherto to perform farm labor, but any patient, capable of doing any out-door work, (and at the same time sufficiently undisturbed mentally), could be placed there. Even women in many instances might be also employed in farm labor with results sometimes more marked than in cases of men.

It is not so very long ago that all insane persons were relegated to structures erected solely for the safe-keeping of those "furiously mad", and yet such progress has been made in this direction that now in all enlightened communities an insane man or woman is known and recognized as a sick person, to be cared for and treated as such.

In the care and treatment of the insane, if the point can be reached, through a wise administration, whereby we can not only shorten the duration of disease, but prevent the development of insanity in many persons, who, under present conditions, would become inmates of our hospitals for life, a source of grief and anxiety to their friends and a burden to the State, we shall have made a gain hardly to be over-estimated in the health, happiness, and prosperity of the community, besides securing in the end a great financial saving.

Defects, and some serious ones still exist, and the Board has not hesitated to call attention to them from time to time. Here and there are to be found, for example, untidiness, want of system, lack of discipline, and insufficient night supervision, — especially for patients under restraint. Regarding this latter point, the Board is of the opinion that there should

be a night nurse on every hospital ward, not only as a matter of security in exceptional cases, but for the more efficient care and well-being of the patients. But, whatever their shortcomings, the Commonwealth has reason to congratulate itself that its institutions for the insane are on the whole well managed, and that they are governed by able boards of trustees, who give generously of their time and strength to the interests placed in their charge.

The City and Town Almshouses.

Almshouses are maintained by 216 of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Of these, 207 cities and towns maintain each its own, two have an almshouse in common, and one almshouse, situated in Holden, is used by seven towns.

It is satisfactory to note that in a general way the almshouses have improved during the year. The buildings are in a better condition, the inmates receive greater care, and a better understanding of the mutual needs of the poor and the municipalities appears to prevail. There still remains, however, room for improvement in too many instances, and in a few there is imperative need of radical changes.

In the reports issued by the Board from year to year, emphasis has always been laid upon the necessity of provision for separation of the sexes; and, in cases where many are lodged in one almshouse, of the sane from the insane. While this is done in the larger almshouses, in the smaller ones little attention is paid to the matter.

One hundred and thirty-six cities and towns maintain no almshouses; their dependents being placed in private families, or boarded in almshouses in other towns, or cared for in institutions. While nothing but words of commendation can be used with regard to the systems prevailing in many of these places, the reverse is true of some of them. It is certainly not to the credit of the State that a town should sell its unfortunate poor at public auction to the lowest bidder at the annual town meeting. Some means should be devised to abolish such a practice, and also that followed by a number of other towns, which practically arrive at the same result by placing their poor in the family

offering to support them at the lowest price. In one instance a town actually receives twenty-five dollars from an individual for the privilege of boarding one feeble-minded woman, who renders valuable service. One of our cities maintains its poor at its almshouse by allowing the warden a certain sum *per capita* per week, his salary being what he is able to save from this amount. While in the case of an honest and reliable man no harm might come to the poor from such an arrangement, it affords an opportunity for abuse.

The Overseers of the Poor have manifested in most instances a willingness to heed advice and suggestions from the Board; they have at its request removed insane inmates to the nearest hospital; and in other cases they have carried out suggestions made by it for the disposition of persons not requiring hospital treatment, but needing removal to a better home.

In previous years, reports of visitation of almshouses were not brought to the notice of Overseers of Poor, — except in cases requiring instant action, — until the publication of the Annual Report. This year it was decided to communicate with the Overseers of the Poor immediately after visitation in each instance, and send them an abstract of the visitor's report, in order that they might be made acquainted at once with any defects or abuses discovered, and have the opportunity for reply. The plan has worked well. In the following condensed reports of the several city and town almshouses, replies of Overseers of the Poor to these visitor's reports are noted.

For a long time it has been felt that the information received by the Board from the Overseers of the Poor in their annual returns, required by law, concerning the exact number of insane and idiotic persons supported at public expense outside of the State institutions, was far from being correct or satisfactory, and this, not through any fault of the town officials, but owing to the lack of trained knowledge on their part. It was therefore thought best to correct this important matter, and to this end a special appropriation was made, and a physician, skilled in diagnosis and in the care and treatment of the insane, was selected, to make

personal examination of all the city and town dependents not in State institutions. The work of this special visitor, Dr. Wentworth, is shown in a report and statistical tables immediately following the almshouse reports. It has brought into our hands knowledge most valuable, not only to the State, but to the cities and towns, and not readily attainable in any other way.

Acton.

(Visited November 2, 1896.)

This almshouse is fairly well situated and presents a good external appearance, but within it is disorderly and unattractive. The sanitary condition, as found in the condition and location of vaults, sink and drains, should have a radical change. A bath-room supplied with hot and cold water should be provided. There is no provision for the separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. There is a farm of seventy acres.

The inmates are two insane women. The warden and matron receive a combined salary of $350 per year. Receipt of the abstract of the visitor's report not acknowledged by the Overseers of the Poor.

Acushnet.

This almshouse was closed in March, the last inmate having died a short time before.

Adams.

(Visited July 2, 1896.)

The generally unsatisfactory condition of this almshouse continues. The exterior is poor, the interior is disorderly, unclean, and infested with vermin. The house is not fit for occupancy and should be abandoned. A detached building, used by the men, is in fair repair and good order; it is cared for by one of the female inmates. There is no provision for separation of the sane from the insane.

There are eleven inmates, two men, six women, and three children, two with their mother. One woman has epileptic insanity. Whatever is saved from the weekly allowance of $2.50 for each inmate is allowed the warden and matron for their services. The salary was formerly $600, and the inmates are far from being benefited by the new arrangement. Receipt of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Agawam.

(Visited May 13, 1896.)

This almshouse shows but little change since the last report. Although presenting a fair outside appearance, it is dilapidated, and very cold in winter. The house and bedding are infested with vermin, and the drainage is very unsatisfactory. The house lacks a bath-room, and has no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. The Overseers report (July 7) that they have removed most of the old bedsteads and replaced them with new ones; they also state their intention to improve the sink drain.

There are five inmates, one man and four women, one woman being insane. Salary of matron, $275.

Amesbury.

(Visited May 6, 1896.)

This almshouse, poorly constructed for its purpose, presents a fairly good external appearance. It is clean and orderly within and appears to have efficient management. It is imperfectly supplied with bathing facilities, the bath-room being available only in warm weather, and the tub unprovided with running water. There is no provision for the separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are six inmates, four men and two women, one man and two women being insane. The combined salary of warden and matron is $500. Receipt of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Amherst.

(Visited Nov. 4, 1896.)

This almshouse presents a fair appearance without, and is clean and orderly within. Proper bathing facilities should be provided, and regular bathing enforced. Although there is separation of the sexes by day, at night they occupy contiguous rooms. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are six in number, three men and three woman, one man being idiotic. The warden's and matron's combined salary is $400. Receipt of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Andover.

(Visited March 24, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in its usual excellent condition, — clean, orderly and well managed. There is provision for separation of the sexes but none for the separation of the sane from the insane.

Number of inmates, twenty-three; eight men, twelve women, and three children, the latter here temporarily with their mothers. Six inmates are insane, two men and four women; one man and one woman are idiotic and one man is epileptic. Two of the insane who are receiving fairly good care could have more liberty and be better provided for in a hospital. The warden and matron receive a combined salary of $700. Receipt of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Arlington.

(Visited November 17, 1896.)

This almshouse presents an attractive appearance and is clean and orderly within. Some improvements have been made within the past year, including the introduction of electric lights and the addition of new iron bedsteads. The combined sleeping and bath-room, now occupied by two male inmates, should be made to serve but one purpose. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

Number of inmates, seven; three men and four women, two women being insane. There are also three boarders, two of whom are employed by the town. Salary of warden and matron, $360.

Ashby.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

This almshouse, with pleasant surroundings, is built of wood, two stories in height, with two wings. The exterior presents a good appearance, and the interior is clean and orderly. Better provisions for heating are needed, the stoves being inadequate; and a bath-tub with hot and cold water should be supplied. The general care of the inmates is good. The use of the cellar for storage of vegetables should be abandoned. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, — two men and three women. One man is insane, and one man and one woman are idiotic. The warden's and matron's combined salary is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Ashburnham.

(Visited October 27, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated. It is a wooden building, two stories in height, with one wing. The outside appearance is good, and within it is clean and orderly. It is insufficiently heated in winter, and lacks bathing facilities. An improvement is manifest in the general administration, some slight repairs and improvements have been made, and there are fewer vermin.

There is complete separation of the sexes at night and at meals; no separation of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are nine in number, — three men and six women, of whom one man and two women are feeble-minded. The combined salary of warden and matron is $500. In reply to abstract of report of visitor, the Overseers report, November 5, "No more changes at farm this season."

Ashfield.

(Visited Aug. 5, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated; it is built of wood, one and one-half stories in height. It is clean and orderly, presenting a good appearance within and without; is well furnished, and under excellent management. The farm is under good cultivation and productive. Since March 1 there have been no inmates. The combined salary of warden and matron is $260. Receipt of abstract of report of visitor not acknowledged.

Ashland.

(Visited February 10, 1896.)

The almshouse has a pleasant location; it is built of wood, two stories in height and has two wings. The exterior is in good condition and the interior is clean and orderly. Some improvements have been made and more are contemplated. The management is efficient, and the inmates are well cared for. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are eight inmates, — seven men and one woman, of whom two men are insane and two idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $500. Receipt of abstract of report of visitor not acknowledged.

Athol.

(Visited August 26, 1896.)

This almshouse is built of wood, two stories in height, with two wings, and situated some distance from town. The surroundings are rather cheerless. The exterior needs minor repairs and painting, the interior painting, papering and other renovation. There is ample evidence of insufficient help to maintain the house properly. There is no separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane.

There are six inmates, — four men and two women, one of the latter being insane and one an epileptic idiot. The combined salary of warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of report of visitor not acknowledged.

Attleborough.

(Visited February 18, 1896.)

This almshouse is small, built of wood, one and one-half stories in height, and poorly adapted for any town, especially one of over eight thousand inhabitants. It lacks many of the conveniences which should belong to such an establishment, such as a bath-room and inside water-closets. It is furnished with the objectionable feather beds, and wooden bedsteads.

The inmates are seven in number, — six men and one woman, of whom two men are idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $375. The Overseers report, under date of June 4, that the kitchen has been enlarged, and a small wash-room added.

Ayer.

(Visited May 8, 1896.)

This almshouse, built of wood, two stories in height, with one wing, is kept clean and orderly, and in fair condition without and within. It lacks suitable conveniences and comforts, but those in charge are interested and active. The house needs improved heating and bathing facilities. There is separation of the sexes by night but none by day; none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are five in number, — three men, one woman, and one child; one man insane and one idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $600. The Overseers report, under date of June 1, that the deficiencies are clearly manifest, and that improvements will be made as soon as funds are available.

Barnstable.

(Visited April 27, 1896.)

This almshouse, pleasantly situated, built of wood, of two stories with a wing, is efficiently managed and in good condition both within and without, except that it lacks a bath-room and other sanitary appliances. There is separation of the sexes at night, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are ten inmates, — two men, seven women, and one child, of whom two women are insane, and one man and four women are idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $400. The Overseers of the Poor report, under date of June 6, that they do not consider it expedient to make any alterations at present.

Barre.

(Visited June 1, 1896.)

This almshouse is well situated and sufficiently large to accommodate a much larger number of inmates. Some adjoining town could well provide for its paupers here. A few improvements have been made and more are contemplated. The building is heated by steam, has good sanitary arrangements, and is kept clean and in good order. There is separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates; four men and one woman, of whom two men are insane and one is idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Becket.

(Visited July 20, 1896.)

The poor of this town, three women (a mother and two daughters) are boarded by the Overseers of the Poor in private families. The mother and one daughter live together, and are found poorly clothed, in a disorderly and dirty house, but apparently have a sufficient amount of food. Another daughter lives with the crippled father in East Otis, eight dollars per month being paid for their support, four dollars being received from a pension.

Bedford.

(Visited July 14, 1896.)

While the exterior of this almshouse remains poor and unsatisfactory, the interior has been thoroughly renovated, with paint and paper, and otherwise much improved in appearance. Farther repairs are imperatively demanded, also the addition of a bath-room supplied with hot and cold water and a suitable system of heating. There is separation of the sexes only at night, and there is no separation of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are six in number, three men and three women, of whom one man is insane and two women are feeble-minded. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $500. The Overseers acknowledge receipt of visitor's report, but make no statement.

Belchertown.

(Visited May 17, 1896.)

This almshouse continues to be efficiently conducted, is kept in good repair, and is clean and orderly within and without. There is need of a bath-room and either furnace or steam heat. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are eight in number, four of each sex, one man being insane. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Bellingham.

(Visited September 28, 1896.)

No change has been made in this almshouse since the last report. It is not properly arranged for its present use, and the rooms should be reconstructed, providing for the separation of the sexes and of the sane from the insane. The inmates are kindly cared for and made as comfortable as possible under the present conditions.

There are nine inmates, — four men and five women, of whom four women are insane. The combined salary of warden and matron is $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Berkley.

(Visited July 9, 1896.)

No change has been made here since the last report. The house is utterly unsuited in its present condition for human occupancy. It is very old, dilapidated, abounds in vermin, has bad drainage, and is in great danger of pollution of drinking water. There is fortunately but one inmate, — an insane man seventy-nine years of age, who is made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

The warden and matron have been here four years and receive a salary of $225. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Berlin.

(Visited June 12, 1896.)

This town boards its poor, one man and two women, in private families. The man is demented and blind; he receives satisfactory care. One woman is demented and difficult to care for; $3.25 a week is paid for her support, and she has reasonably good care. The other woman, mildly insane, is well provided for, and has a good home.

Beverly.

(Visited April 30, 1896.)

No special change is noticed at this almshouse, which is kept in good repair. As two-thirds of the inmates are mentally defective, management is difficult and the work burdensome. More paid help might be employed, with advantage. There is separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are twenty-eight in number; fourteen of each sex. Nine are insane, ten idiotic and two epileptic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Billerica.

(Visited June 12, 1896.)

The almshouse here remains unchanged. No repairs have been made, and it lacks proper facilities for bathing and heating. The house is clean and orderly, and the inmates are well treated. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are eight in number; four men and four women, three men being insane and two women idiotic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $504. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Blackstone.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

This almshouse continues under the same management and presents the same general features as at the last report. There is room for improvement both in the general appearance of the building and in some reconstruction of the interior, which should provide for the proper separation of the sexes. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are eighteen in number; fourteen men and four women, of whom two men are insane. Salary of warden and matron, $450. The Overseers of the Poor report, under date of August 5, that no improvements have been made, and none are contemplated.

Blandford.

(Visited June 26, 1896.)

But one woman receives town support, and she is well provided for in a house formerly her own. She is entirely blind and has had epilepsy since childhood. The case is a difficult one, but she receives good care.

Bolton.

(Visited July 17, 1896.)

This almshouse is badly in need of repairs: no changes have been made during the year in this direction except shingling. It is old and unattractive, especially within. The house is kept clean and orderly, and is as well managed as possible under the circumstances. There is no provision for the separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are five in number; four men and one woman. All are mentally defective, the woman being insane and the men feeble-minded. Salary of warden and matron, $300. The Overseers report, July 27, the shingling and roofing of all the buildings.

Boston.

Charlestown.

(Visited November 18, 1896.)

Some improvements have been made at this almshouse since the last report. Two new sun-rooms have been built, one for either sex, two new water-closets added, and other minor repairs made. The general condition was found as usual, and the inmates appear happy, and are well clothed and fed, but the building is overcrowded. There is a partial separation of the sexes by day, and complete separation at night. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

The number of inmates is one hundred and forty-nine, of whom eighteen are insane, two feeble-minded and one is epileptic. The warden and matron are serving their seventh year in this place, and they receive a salary of $1,300.

Long Island.

(Visited December 2, 1896.)

No special structural changes have been made since the last report. The almshouse is composed of a number of commodious buildings, which provide for a good separation of the sexes as well as of the vicious from the unfortunate poor. The well-appointed hospital is doing a good work. It is understood that the custom of employing men from the Deer Island Institution to work in and about the almshouse building, returning each night, is soon to be discontinued. It is hoped that this will be done and that the able-bodied paupers, who are present in sufficient numbers, will be required to do the necessary work about the Institution. A training school is in operation. Dr. C. H. Cogswell continues in charge, assisted by a staff of three physicians.

There are seven hundred and thirty-nine inmates. It is not the intention to care for insane persons at this Institution, but a special examination revealed the presence of forty-four mentally defective people, thirty-two of whom are considered insane, and twelve are feeble-minded; six also have epilepsy.

Marcella Street Home.

(Visited November 12, 1896.)

This Institution, devoted entirely to the care of children, shows no special change since the last report. In appearance and general order there is some room for improvement.

There are four hundred and eighty-one children under supervision. This includes a number at board in families, — one hundred and fifty-two. One hundred and eighteen are neglected children. Twenty-nine children are idiotic, of whom sixteen remain at the school. The other thirteen are boarded out in families and receive good care, frequent supervision, and necessary medical attendance. M. J. Dwyer is the present Superintendent.

BOXFORD.

(Visited July 31, 1896.)

There has been no special change at this almshouse since the last report. There is lack of good executive management, as shown by its disorderly condition. A bath-room with hot and cold water is needed. There is no separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane.

There are four inmates, two men and two women, the man being idiotic and epileptic. The warden's and matron's combined salary is $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

BOYLSTON.

(Visited May 18, 1896.)

This almshouse, as has been reported previously, differs but little from an ordinary farmhouse. It is old and in need of repair, and lacks bathing facilities. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. A room for tramps is provided in the woodshed chamber which was found exceedingly filthy and evidently receives no care.

The inmates are four men, of whom one is insane and one idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

BRAINTREE.

(Visited February 12, 1896.)

This almshouse presents its usual satisfactory appearance. It is kept in good repair, is clean and orderly, and the inmates receive good care. There is provision for separation of the sexes, but not of the sane from the insane.

There are eleven inmates, seven men and four women. Two men are feeble-minded and one is epileptic; one woman is insane and two are feeble-minded. The combined salary of warden and matron is $480. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Brewster.

(Visited October 20, 1896.)

The building used as an almshouse is an ordinary dwelling, but it is kept in excellent condition, and the inmates have very satisfactory care. A bath-room should be supplied, and some structural changes made for the separation of the sexes.

The inmates are nine in number, six men and three women. Three men and two women are feeble-minded and one woman is insane. The combined salary of warden and matron is $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Bridgewater.

(Visited February 14, 1896.)

The building used as an almshouse is much dilapidated and not worth repairing. There is imperative need of a new and properly arranged building. The management both of the house and the farm shows lack of experience and executive ability. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are thirteen in number including two children. One man and two women are insane and one woman is feeble-minded. The combined salary of warden and matron is $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Brimfield.

(Visited May 14, 1896.)

This almshouse has many objectionable features. The inmates do not receive proper care, and some structural provision for complete separation of the sexes should be made, most unfortunate results having followed from the present arrangement. There is evidence of inefficient management in the general appearance of the place.

There are ten inmates, including one child, of whom three are insane, two of each sex are feeble-minded, and one is epileptic. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $425. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Brockton.

(Visited October 15, 1896.)

This almshouse continues to be satisfactory in most respects, and is one of the best in the state. The management is excellent and very efficient. The house is amply provided with proper sanitary appliances and safeguards against fire, and there is complete separation of the sexes, but not of the sane from the insane,— a matter which should receive early attention. If more inmates are to be admitted, increased accommodations should be added. The farm is quite productive, and products have been sold during the past year to the amount of $4,500.

There are fifty-one inmates, of whom thirteen are insane and three feeble-minded. There are four children. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $1,200. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Brookfield.

(Visited May 20, 1896.)

There has been no change at this almshouse since the last report. For an old house it is in very good condition, and is provided with steam heat and bath-room. It is kept clean and orderly, and the inmates are under a fair degree of control.

There is a partial separation of the sexes, (which should be made complete), but none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are seven in number, of whom three women are insane and one is feeble-minded. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Brookline.

(Visited November 11, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in its usual excellent condition, and the addition of new water-closets which could be flushed would leave little to be desired. There is complete separation of the sexes, and no insane people are received.

The inmates are four in number. A matron is in charge of the place, who receives a salary of $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Buckland.

(Visited July 3, 1896.)

This almshouse continues in its old dilapidated condition, no repairs or improvements having been made the past year. The building should either be abandoned for its present use or extensively repaired. The house is kept as clean as possible under the circumstances, but the wooden bedsteads and partitions are badly infested with vermin. The water-closets are improperly constructed and very offensive. There is no separation of the sexes by day and but an insecure one by night, and there is no separation of the sane from the insane.

There are six inmates, of whom four are insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $200. No reply to abstract of visitor's report.

Burlington.

(Visited April 16, 1896.)

This almshouse, although nearly new, lacks a cheerful appearance and is of cheap construction. The rooms occupied by the inmates are very cold in winter. There is need of a bath-room supplied with hot and cold water. The management is not efficient, the house being disorderly and dirty. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates are five in number, one being feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $400. No reply to abstract of visitor's report.

Cambridge.

(Visited September 8, 1896.)

There has been no special change in this almshouse since the last report, either in structure or in the character of the inmates. The almshouse is under excellent management. There is complete separation of the sexes by day and night, and at meals, with a partial separation of the sane from the insane. The farm and quarry are quite remunerative, $6,000 being realized from the former, and $7,000 from the latter.

There are one hundred and eleven inmates, of whom twenty-three are insane and two feeble-minded. There are nine children. The warden and matron, who have occupied their present position for ten years, receive a salary of $1,500.

Canton.

(Visited April 10, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, and was found in good repair, being also clean and orderly within. No special changes have been made since the last inspection. There is complete separation of the sexes by night, but none of the sane from the insane. The place is under good management.

There are nine inmates, of whom one is insane and one feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $500, and are serving their fifth year. The Overseers report, under date of June 15, that no further changes have been made.

Carlisle.

(Visited November 13, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, and possesses the advantage of having a farm, the income from which makes it practically self-supporting. The whole is under good and economical management. There is no provision for separation of the sexes.

There are four inmates, three of whom are idiotic. The salary of the warden and matron is $350 per year.

Charlemont.

(Visited July 2, 1896.)

The poor of this town, two in number, both mentally deficient, are boarded in private families, where they receive good care and kind treatment.

Charlton.

(Visited October 26, 1896.)

This almshouse, which has been much improved within the last two years, is under very good management. Some further repairs would improve the house, and if some structural change could be made to provide for the separation of the sexes, the building would be entirely creditable to the town. It has a farm of two hundred acres, and products to the amount of $2,184 were sold during the past year.

There are ten inmates, two of whom are insane and one feeble-minded, and one is a child three years of age. The salary of the warden and matron is $450.

Chatham.

(Visited October 21, 1896.)

Although the administrative part of this almshouse is inconveniently arranged, in other respects it is fairly well adapted to its present use. There is, however, inefficient management, as shown in the dirty and disorderly condition of the house. The Overseers of the Poor fully realize this, and will make improvements as soon as possible. There is no separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane.

There are eight inmates, one of whom is insane and three are feeble-minded. The salary of the warden and matron is $150. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged by Overseers of the Poor.

Chelmsford.

(Visited June 12, 1896.)

This almshouse, formerly an old tavern, is kept in fairly good condition, and is under good management. It should be supplied with a bath-room, and some provision should be made for the separation of the sexes. There is a productive farm of one hundred acres.

There are eleven inmates, two of whom are insane and three feeble-minded. There are three children. The warden and matron receive a salary of $350 a year.

Cheshire.

(Visited July 1, 1896.)

The poor of this town are boarded in two families, one of which has materially improved since last year's visit, the inmates receiving much better care, and having more healthful surroundings than before. The two men, one of whom is insane, boarding in the second family, are well provided for. They occupy separate rooms, which were found clean and in good order.

Chesterfield.

(Visited August 19, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and its poor are distributed in families. One case is a feeble-minded man who boards where he has been for several years. The house is poor and his surroundings are disorderly, but he is made comfortable.

The case is one requiring much care and supervision. The town allows $65 a year and clothing.

Chicopee.

(Visited November 3, 1896.)

There has been no change in this almshouse since the last report. It is kept clean and orderly, but some renovation and rearrangement of rooms is necessary. The privy vaults in the rear are offensive and a menace to health, and should be removed. Some division of the house should immediately be made for the separation of the sexes. Owing to the small number of insane, separate apartments for them are not at present considered necessary.

There are forty-five inmates, of whom twelve are insane and one is feeble-minded. A matron is in charge who receives a salary of $25 per month, and a man is employed to take charge of the farm and all out-door work. One of the inmates is also allowed a small amount a month for his services. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Clinton.

(Visited September 22, 1896.)

The recent alterations and additions to this almshouse have much improved it. The house is heated by steam and well provided with new bath-rooms and water-closets, and evidence of good management is shown in its clean and orderly appearance. There is complete separation of the sexes by night, but they mingle through the day and at meals. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

There are fifteen inmates, six being children, and one man is insane. The warden receives a salary of $700 per year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Cohasset.

(Visited April 23, 1896.)

This almshouse, which is an old, irregular building, and poorly arranged for its present use, was found clean and the inmates very comfortable. There has been a great improvement here within the last three years. The bath-room, which, owing to its location, can be used only in the summer, should be changed and provided with hot and cold water. There is no separation of the sexes.

The inmates are eight in number, including one child. One is insane and three are feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $600 per year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Concord.

(Visited November 7, 1896.)

There has been no change in this almshouse since the last inspection, and it presents its usual appearance, being homelike and cheerful both within and without. It is heated by steam, supplied with bath-room and other sanitary appliances, and is under good management. There is no provision for the separation of the sexes.

The inmates are six in number, none of whom are insane. One woman has epilepsy. The salary of the warden and matron is $480. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Conway.

(Visited August 5, 1896.)

This almshouse is not pleasantly situated, is in a dilapidated, leaky condition, and should be abandoned or replaced by a new building. The condition of the interior is disorderly and dirty. Some slight effort is made to subdue the vermin with which the house is infested. The farm is made fairly productive under the present management. It would appear that the expense to the town would be less were the inmates of this house placed in a good almshouse in some neighboring town.

There are but two inmates, both men and idiotic. The salary of the warden and matron is $350. The Overseers of the Poor report, October 14, that no changes are proposed.

Cummington.

(Visited August 6, 1896.)

The poor of this town, three in number, one man and two women, all mentally defective, are supported in different families at different rates. The women are made fairly comfortable, but the man, eighty-five years of age, should be removed to a different place and a larger sum than one dollar per week furnished for his support. The rates paid for the women are two dollars and two dollars and fifty cents respectively.

Dalton.

(Visited July 24, 1896.)

Having no almshouse, this town provides for its poor in private families. A woman with four young children, one of whom is a helpless idiot, referred to in last year's report, continues to be supported by the town at the rate of $2 *per capita* per week.

Dana.

(Visited June 2, 1896.)

This almshouse is a large, old-fashioned structure, and well situated, but is greatly in need of repairs. Such small improvements as new paper and paint are contemplated. The house is clean and orderly, but bathing facilities are lacking.

The only inmate, an insane woman, receives good care. The combined salary of warden and matron is $225. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Dartmouth.

(Visited Oct. 5, 1896.)

This almshouse is comparatively new, and provides good separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane. There is a lack of proper facilities for bathing and heating. The interior is neat and clean, and sufficient paid help is employed.

There are seven inmates, of whom two are insane and one is idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Dedham.

(Visited May 7, 1896.)

This almshouse is new, well constructed and supplied with all modern appliances, including electric lighting. There is proper provision for separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane. No paid help is employed, but a few of the inmates are capable of light work. The management is efficient.

There are eleven inmates, of whom one is idiotic and epileptic. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $600. The Overseers of the Poor report, under date of June 25, that no changes are contemplated.

Deerfield.

(Visited August 11, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, is in fair repair, and presents an interior clean and orderly. The sleeping rooms occupied by the men are in the L, and need radical changes. Farther repairs should be made upon the out-buildings. The cellar is small, ill-ventilated, and damp, and should be enlarged and properly drained. The inmates receive kind care and treatment. A bath-room supplied with hot and cold water is needed.

The inmates are five in number, three of whom are insane. The salary of the warden and matron is $425. The Overseers of the Poor report, October 7, no change in buildings or management.

Dennis.

(Visited Oct. 21, 1896.)

This house occupies a lonely site, and is far removed from any other buildings. It is in a fair state of repair and well managed, and the inmates appear to be well cared for. A bath-room is needed. Owing to the distance from town, the tramp quarters in the attic are but seldom occupied.

There are six inmates, two of whom are feeble-minded. The warden receives a salary of $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Dighton.

(Visited July 9, 1896.)

This almshouse, of the construction of an ordinary farm dwelling, is in good condition, and presents a clean and orderly appearance within. Repairs are much needed upon the exterior, and a bath-room, properly supplied with hot and cold water, should be provided. A sum of money has been appropriated to build a new barn. The drainage is defective and offensive, but the evil could be easily remedied with a small outlay of money and labor. Either more interest should be taken in this place by the Overseers of the Poor, or the place should be abandoned and the inmates boarded in the almshouse of some neighboring town.

The inmates are two in number. There are no insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $200. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged by the Overseers of the Poor, but no statement made by them in reply.

Douglas.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

No changes have been made at this almshouse since the last visit. The building is old and in need of repairs. The house is poorly arranged, and does not provide for any separation of the sexes. There is urgent need of a bath-room and a better heating apparatus. The interior is disorderly and not clean, and the management is evidently inefficient. The custom of permitting the warden to engage in outside work, as followed in this and some other towns, is to be deprecated; his whole attention should be paid to home affairs.

The inmates are seven in number, two of whom are feeble-minded and one is epileptic. The salary of the warden and matron is $300.

The town also pays for the care, at his mother's house, of a feeble-minded man afflicted with a severe form of epilepsy. The case is a difficult one to care for, and the mother gives him constant attention. He should, however, be better provided for in some respects.

Dracut.

(Visited May 1, 1896.)

The almshouse of this town is an old building kept in a fair state of repair, and shows no change since the last inspection, except some improvement of the interior by painting and whitewashing. The few inmates receive very good, homelike care. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane, nor is it necessary in small families like this, where proper supervision is exercised. The farm is well managed and quite productive. A large amount of milk is sold which, with other produce, yielded the sum of $2,647.29 to the town during the year.

The inmates are four in number, of whom two are insane. The salary of the warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Dudley.

(Visited September 15, 1896.)

The almshouse of this town is undergoing extensive repairs, and the result will be a great improvement. The building will be much enlarged; the structural arrangements will be made much better than formerly and, it is hoped, will provide for a separation of the sexes. Steam heat will be used, but the bath-room which it is proposed to build is to have no hot water connections; these it is highly desirable to supply.

There are seven inmates, two of them are insane and two feeble-minded. The salary of the warden and matron is $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Duxbury.

(Visited Nov. 16, 1896.)

This almshouse is new, having been occupied but about two weeks at the time of the visit. Although of very good construction, the arrangement of the rooms is such that it is inconvenient in administration and must involve much discomfort and disorder.

A properly planned house would have cost no more money, and would have been infinitely better than an ill-arranged structure like this, which does neither the town nor the builder credit.

The inmates are four in number, two of whom are insane. The salary of the warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

East Bridgewater.

(Visited February 14, 1896.)

Additions and changes which have long been needed are in progress at this almshouse. Additional sleeping-rooms are being supplied; a new stairway at the rear of the men's dormitory has been built; the interior is to be newly painted, and improvements have also been made in the sanitation. The general management of the house is good, the interior being clean and orderly. Only partial separation of the sexes is secured, but the structural changes in progress will secure greater efficiency in this respect. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

There are seven inmates, one woman being insane and one feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $425. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Eastham.

(Visited August 21, 1896.)

This town continues to support its poor in private families. Among them is a feeble-minded woman, who is boarded at three dollars a week, and has suitable care in an excellent home.

Easthampton.

(Visited August 18, 1896.)

But little change has been made in this almshouse since the last report. Minor repairs are needed inside, but the exterior is in good condition. Partial separation of the sexes is secured, but the sane and the insane are allowed to mingle.

There are twelve inmates, of whom one man and four women are insane, and two women are epileptic. All the insane have had hospital treatment. The combined salary of warden and matron is $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Easton.

(Visited April 14, 1896.)

This almshouse presents a good appearance and is mostly in good repair. There should be improvements in the attic sleeping-rooms, these apartments being uncomfortable both in winter and summer. The bath-room should be supplied with hot and cold water, and the water supply for the whole institution should be improved. There is no efficient separation of the sexes and none of the sane from the insane.

There are nine inmates, of whom two men and one woman are insane, and two men and one woman feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Edgartown.

(Visited July 14, 1896.)

A feeble-minded, epileptic woman of this town is cared for by her mother, and the town pays $1.50 per week toward her support. She is able to perform certain household duties, and has good care.

Egremont.

(Visited July 22, 1896.)

An elderly woman of this town, feeble-minded since childhood, is boarded in the family of a relative, where she has good care, at $140 per year. This woman is untidy, often excited, and is a difficult case to care for.

Enfield

(Visited June 4, 1896.)

This town continues to board its poor in private families. A feeble-minded woman, who is epileptic, is cared for by her mother for $2 per week. Another woman, who has been insane many years, is boarded in a family in Leverett at $2.20 per week. Both cases are well situated.

Essex.

(Visited September 21, 1896.)

No repairs or improvements have been made at this almshouse since last year. It continues in a very dilapidated condition, and should be replaced by a new and properly arranged building. There are no modern sanitary appliances. There is no provision for separation of the sexes, and complications from this source are not unknown. Sane and insane mingle indiscriminately.

There are nine inmates, of whom two men and one woman are insane, and three women feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Fairhaven.

(Visited October 6, 1896.)

The new almshouse in this town has been used with satisfaction during the past year and gives evidence of efficient management. The house is thoroughly clean and orderly, the heating and sanitary equipment is good, and the inmates are well provided for. The construction provides for complete separation of the sexes excepting at meals. No provision is made for separating the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, all men, two being insane. Both of them have had hospital treatment. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Fall River.

(Visited July 10, 1896.)

Substantial improvements have been made at this almshouse during the past year, the old hospital building having been renovated and repaired for use as an infirmary, one floor for men, the other for women. Minor repairs have been made in the interior of the main building. The house is generally well kept and is clean and orderly. Some of the attic rooms used for the insane are lacking in light and ventilation. There is complete separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates number one hundred, — sixteen men, sixty-nine women, and fifteen children. Of the men, two are insane and one is feeble-minded, one of the insane being also epileptic; of the women, five are insane. The warden receives a salary of $650; and his wife, who is matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Falmouth.

(Visited August 10, 1896.)

This almshouse continues in the clean and satisfactory condition that has been previously reported, and is under good management. The structural conditions allow of no systematic separation of the sexes, and the sane and the insane mingle. Among the inmates are several untidy cases that require a great deal of care, to facilitate which a suitable bath-room should be supplied. Addi-

tional domestic help is also needed. The farm is productive, and a large quantity of small fruits are supplied to the inmates.

There are eight inmates. One of the men is insane and two of the women are feeble-minded; one of the latter is also paralyzed and helpless. Combined salary of warden and matron, $375. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Fitchburg.

(Visited August 17, 1896.)

A partial renovation of this almshouse has taken place the past year. Paint has been renewed, and the house has been equipped with electric lights. The house is clean and orderly, and efficient management is everywhere apparent. Complete separation of the sexes is secured, and some of the most troublesome of the insane are separated from the general population.

There are sixty-eight inmates, including two children. Seven men are insane and five feeble-minded, one of the latter being also epileptic. Eighteen women are insane and one is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $950. The Overseers report the addition of a fruit and vegetable storehouse, detached from the other buildings.

Foxborough.

(Visited September 11, 1896.)

The buildings at this place are dilapidated and unfit for occupancy; no repairs have been made for a long time, and general neglect is evident. The rooms are cold in winter. The present house should be abandoned, and a new one, adapted to the uses of an almshouse, built at the earliest feasible time. The sanitation should be improved, the cellar being damp and insufficiently drained. The water supply is deficient, the well at the house being dry and water carried from the well at the barn. The sexes are not separated, and no provision is made for separating the sane from the insane.

There are three inmates, all sane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Framingham.

(Visited January 29, 1896.)

Minor repairs have been made in the interior of this almshouse, and the tramp quarters have been removed to a distant part of the town. No provision is made for the separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are fifteen inmates, including two children with their unmarried mother and one insane man. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Franklin.

(Visited March 27, 1896.)

Repairs and improvements have been made at this almshouse during the past year, and others are contemplated. An abundant supply of water and efficient fire protection have been secured. A store-room for general household supplies is much needed. In general the house is kept clean, but some rooms are infested with vermin. Increased orderliness would improve the appearance of the interior. There is imperfect separation of the sexes and none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates, who number seven, have good care and appear to be comfortable. There is one feeble-minded man, and one insane woman. Combined salary of warden and matron, $550. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Freetown.

(Visited July 9, 1896.)

This house, as previously reported, continues much out of repair, and unfit for almshouse purposes. There is no bath-room, and the arrangement of the house is inconvenient for caring for the inmates. General cleanliness prevails, and the inmates seem to be made comfortable at this season. The farm is productive and contributes materially to the support of the household. There is no separation of the sexes and none of the sane from the insane.

There are six inmates, including one child with its mother. One man and four women are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $250. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Gardner.

(Visited August 31, 1896.)

Having been in use but a few years, this almshouse is still in good repair and in generally good condition. It is equipped with modern conveniences, and the interior is well arranged. Some minor improvements have been made since the last report. Complete separation of the sexes is secured, but no attempt is made to separate the sane from the insane.

Of the sixteen inmates, two of each sex are insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $425. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Georgetown.

(Visited September 25, 1896.)

There have been no special repairs and no material improvements at this almshouse since the last report. It is comfortably heated by a hot water system, and is kept clean and in good order. A bath-room should be provided. The sexes are separated by night, but no classification of inmates is made by day.

The inmates are five in number, of whom two men are insane and one is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, and the statement made that a domestic is usually employed.

Gloucester.

(Visited January 21, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in its usual condition, and is kept very clean and in excellent order, although these results are secured in the face of many difficulties, owing to the inconvenience of the house, its overcrowding, and the lack of proper water supply. For general domestic purposes cistern water is used, and the water for drinking and cooking is carried in pails from a distant well. The interior is in need of quite extensive repairs. The sexes are separated by assignment to different floors. No effort is made to provide separately for the insane.

The inmates number thirty-one. Five men and seven women are insane and two men and one woman feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $550. Receipt of visitor's report acknowledged, and statement made that no changes are contemplated.

Grafton.

(Visited September 18, 1896.)

This almshouse is in a better condition than when last visited. It provides good bathing facilities, but there has been a lack of enforcement of proper bathing regulations. A considerable amount of new bedding has lately been supplied. There is no effectual separation of the sexes and no separate provision for the insane.

The inmates number thirteen, of whom one man is idiotic and epileptic, and one woman feeble-minded. Combined salary of

warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

The town supports two insane women in private families, one within the town limits and the other with her mother at Worcester. The latter case has had hospital treatment. Both cases are well cared for.

Granby.

(Visited August 6, 1896.)

This town still continues to board its poor in private families. Among those so cared for is a feeble-minded woman with her child, who is in wretched surroundings. The attention of the town authorities has been called to the case, and a change will probably be effected.

Granville.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

This town supports its poor in private families, and among them is a woman, many years insane, who is well situated at $2 a week. A feeble-minded man is also cared for by his mother at the same rate. In both cases this sum is almost the sole support of these families.

Great Barrington.

(Visited July 22, 1896.)

This town, although having a considerable number of poor, does not provide an almshouse for their care, but boards them in private families. In one of these four cases were found, for whom the town pays $8 a month apiece, a man and three women, all defective, the man and one woman being insane and two women feeble-minded. A rough unfinished building, which is unattractive and must in the colder season be very uncomfortable, is used for the care of these cases. There appears to be but little discipline enforced, and the inmates of both sexes roam about the place unrestrained. A colored woman, who has been insane for many years, is boarded in a colored family at $10 a month, where she has good care. Criticisms on conditions found here were sent to the Overseers of the Poor, but no acknowledgment has been made.

Greenfield.

(Visited August 4, 1896.)

This house has been improved by the finishing of the attic, making two comfortable rooms; and a room for the special care of a troublesome insane woman has been built in the wing: this case

has very good care. The building should be provided with fire escapes, and a properly equipped bath-room should be supplied. The sexes are not separated, nor are the sane separated from the insane.

The inmates are five in number, three women being insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

An insane woman, who has had hospital treatment, is boarded in a private family in a neighboring town at $13 a month, which is partly paid by her relatives. The case is well provided for.

Greenwich.

(Visited May 19, 1896.)

The town has done very little in the way of repairs at this almshouse, although they are much needed. The farm is only slightly productive, and has little capacity for improvement. The inmates receive reasonably good care, but their surroundings are cheerless. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are three inmates, all men; one is a helpless idiot. Combined salary of warden and matron, $275. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Groton.

(Visited May 8, 1896.)

Besides the painting of the exterior, no repairs have been made at this place since the last report. The interior is cheerless and dilapidated. The house is kept clean and orderly, chiefly through the assistance rendered by the inmates. Tramps are lodged in the wing, with the men. Complete separation of the sexes by night is secured by locking the women in their rooms. There is no attempt made to separate the sane from the insane.

The inmates are seven in number, of whom one man and one woman are insane and one of each sex is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $550. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Groveland.

(Visited October 4, 1896.)

The surroundings of this almshouse are unattractive, and the house itself has little to make it inviting, being old, poorly arranged and lacking in modern conveniences. The inmates are

well provided for and receive considerate care. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, — all men, one being insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Hadley.

(Visited August 8, 1896.)

This almshouse remains unchanged, and continues under the same efficient management. There is need of bathing facilities and a better supply of heat. The sexes are not separated, or the sane from the insane. The water supply has been improved within the past year.

There are five inmates, of whom one is insane. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $375. The Overseers of the Poor report, under date of October 24, that the adoption of a general supply of heat has been advocated for some time.

Hanover.

(Visited March 25, 1896.)

Formerly an ordinary farmhouse, this place is not adapted to its present use. The sleeping quarters on the second floor, occupied by men, are rudely finished and cold in winter. There is a lack of bathing facilities, and no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. The house is kept clean and made as homelike as possible under the circumstances.

There are eleven inmates, of whom three are insane. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $250. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Hanson.

(Visited April 24, 1896.)

This is an old, dilapidated building past repair, insufficiently heated, and without bathing facilities; but withal kept neat and clean. The sexes are not separated or the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, of whom one man is idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $225. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Hardwick.

(Visited June 2, 1896.)

This almshouse is well situated, in good repair, and under good management. There is no structural provision for separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane. The method of heating is by stoves only. The warden has evinced an interest in the farm and is repaid by a good income.

There are six inmates, two of whom are insane and two idiotic. The salary is $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, but no changes reported.

Harvard.

(Visited June 24, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated and has an attractive exterior. The interior is poorly furnished and shows the want of systematic housekeeping. It is insufficiently heated by stoves and lacks bathing facilities. There is fairly good structural provision for separation of the sexes, but they mingle more or less. Tramps are lodged in cellar and attic.

There are six inmates, of whom three are idiotic. The salary paid for warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Harwich.

(Visited October 21, 1896.)

No special changes have been made in this place, but it is well conducted, and kept in comparatively good repair. The bathing facilities are inadequate and heat is supplied by stoves. The sexes are well separated, but not the sane from the insane. The lodging room of an insane woman is not suitable.

There are ten inmates, including two children, who are simple-minded. One inmate is insane and three are idiotic. The salary of the warden and matron is $250. The receipt of abstract of visitor's report was acknowledged, in which it was proposed to improve the drainage.

Haverhill.

(Visited October 16, 1896.)

This almshouse, continuing under the same good management, is neat, clean, and orderly. The number of inmates has increased and the capacity of the house has been taxed to such an extent that the attics have been fitted up for dormitories. All modern

appliances are supplied. The sexes are well separated, but sane, insane, and criminals indiscriminately mingle.

There are ninety-five inmates, of whom sixteen are insane, and twenty-one idiotic. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $1,200.

Hawley.

(Visited June 14, 1896.)

This almshouse has received some repairs during the past year improving its general appearance. It is heated by stoves, and bathing facilities are not provided. The sexes are separated by night. Tramps are lodged in the house, an objectionable arrangement. The water supply is not sufficient in dry seasons.

The number of inmates is three,—no defectives. The combined salary of the warden and matron is $293.39. The Overseers of the Poor acknowledged the receipt of the visitor's report, but did not suggest any changes.

Heath.

This almshouse has been closed and the place leased, as there were no paupers to be cared for here after April 1, 1896.

Hingham.

(Visited February 12, 1896.)

This almshouse is brick, in good repair and under good management. There is structural provision for separation of the sexes, but none of sane from insane. It is well heated by steam, but bathing facilities are lacking. It is proposed to supply this deficiency in the near future.

There are thirteen inmates, two idiotic and two insane. The salary is $720. The abstract of the visitor's report has been acknowledged and a proposition made to supply a bath-room.

Holbrook.

(Visited March 13, 1896.)

The poor of this town are boarded in private families, at the rate of $3 per week. A feeble-minded man who has had hospital treatment, lives with his mother.

Holden.

(Visited October 2, 1896.)

This almshouse is occupied by the poor of seven towns, viz.: Holden, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Westminster, Paxton, and Phillipston. It is known as the "Poor Farm Association." It is old and badly arranged, and does not well accommodate the large number of inmates. The house is inadequately heated by furnace, and is poorly equipped with means of escape in case of fire. The water supply is inadequate for daily consumption. The bath-tub, supplied by cold water only, is situated in a general thoroughfare on the first floor. The water-closets are improperly placed. The sexes are not separated, or the sane from the insane.

There are twenty inmates, of whom eight are insane and four feeble-minded. The combined salary of warden and matron is $575. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Holliston.

(Visited September 18, 1896.)

This almshouse, known as the "Holliston Home", is all that the name suggests. It is pleasantly situated near the village, in good repair, and kept neat and clean. Good bathing facilities are provided, and it is well heated by steam. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are twelve inmates, of whom two are insane and two idiotic, and two are children. $450 is paid for the services of warden and matron. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

Holyoke.

(Visited November 4, 1896.)

This almshouse occupies a commanding site overlooking the Connecticut River. It is comparatively new, and the grounds about it still remain partly in the rough. An extension is being built to each wing, which it is proposed to have occupied by the insane now here and the mildly insane of the town at the State Hospitals. The general appearance is untidy and disorderly. There is a supply of all modern appliances. The sexes are separated, and there is a partial separation of the sane from the insane. The discipline is not good.

The inmates number eighty-eight, including four children. Twenty-eight are insane, and two are idiotic. There are three epileptics. The warden's salary is $540, and the matron's $420. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

Hopkinton.

(Visited February 10, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated and has an attractive exterior, but its accommodations are inadequate for the large number of inmates. There is a lack of proper bathing facilities and a general want of repairing. The water-closets are badly placed, and a source of danger. The sexes are not separated nor are the sane from the insane. In-door help is insufficient, but the house is clean and orderly.

There are seventeen inmates, including one child; two women are insane, two men and one woman idiotic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Hudson.

(Visited July 17, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, in very good repair, and under efficient management. There are good bathing facilities and other modern appliances. There is no separation of the sexes, or of the sane from the insane.

There are nine inmates, of whom one man is insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Overseers of the Poor acknowledged receipt of abstract of visitor's report, but proposed no changes.

Ipswich.

(Visited February 11, 1896.)

This almshouse continues under efficient management, and is in good condition. There has been some rearrangement of the partitions, increasing the convenience of the interior and facilitating escape in case of fire. The farm is productive and in a good state of cultivation. The sexes are separated, but the sane and the insane are allowed to mingle.

There are thirteen inmates, of whom four men and two women are insane, and one man and two women feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Kingston.

(Visited March 20, 1896.)

Among the poor of this town who are boarded in private families is a feeble-minded, epileptic woman, who is cared for by relatives at $5 a week. She is well provided for.

Lancaster.

(Visited September 22, 1896.)

This almshouse was found neat and orderly, in good repair, and in generally satisfactory condition. The management is efficient and the inmates are under careful supervision. There is complete separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are fourteen inmates, including three children. One man is insane, and two men, two women, and a boy are feeble-minded; one woman and the boy being also epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

Lawrence.

(Visited September 9, 1896.)

A new brick building for the pauper department is in process of erection, upon the completion of which the old wooden structure is to be torn down. It is intended to provide the new building with all modern conveniences. The department for the insane is orderly and clean, and the inmates were found comfortable. A considerable number of the women were employed in the sewing room and in other work. The hospital has been greatly improved, and was found in excellent condition. There is complete separation of the sexes, and the insane are cared for in a separate department.

There are one hundred and thirty-one inmates, including ten children. Eleven men and forty-one women are insane and one woman is feeble-minded, and there is one epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $1,000. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Lee.

(Visited July 23, 1896.)

There have been no repairs and improvements at this almshouse since the last report, and the unfavorable conditions previously referred to are still existing. The house is unfit for an almshouse, and at the last annual meeting the town voted to purchase a farm

to build a new one on. The warden is also town sexton, and in addition has charge of the sluices and bridges on the highways. Two men sleep in a damp basement room, and the general state of dilapidation of the building is a barrier to good management.

There is general separation of the sexes but not of the sane from the insane.

There are seven inmates. One man and one woman are insane, and one man and two women feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

An insane woman, who has had hospital treatment, is cared for in the home of her daughter in a neighboring town at $2.25 per week.

Leicester.

(Visited October 26, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in its usual neat and clean condition, and under good management. Farming has been partially discontinued and the dairy herd and farming tools have been sold. Milk and vegetables for household use will still be produced. A new system of sanitation has been placed here at the dictation of the Metropolitan Water Commission and is in satisfactory operation. There is no provision for separating the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are fourteen inmates, of whom three women are insane and two men feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Lenox.

(Visited July 22, 1896.)

The poor of this town are distributed in private families. One of them, a woman who has been insane many years, is cared for in the family of relatives at a cost of $2.50 per week.

Leominster.

(Visited August 17, 1896.)

This almshouse presents a very good appearance, and is in fair repair. The management is good and the inmates are well cared for. A system of hot water heating has been supplied since last year, and additional sleeping-rooms have been finished in the lower floor of the wing. The farm is productive. The sexes are separated, but the sane and insane associate.

Of the eleven inmates, three men and one woman are insane, and three men are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $700. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Lexington.

(Visited July 14, 1896.)

This almshouse has been improved during the year by the addition of steam heat. The house is inconveniently arranged and not adapted for its present use. Repairs are contemplated, and it is intended to provide a bath-room and new sanitary appliances. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

The inmates number five, all of whom are sane. The combined salary of warden and matron is $550, and they pay for the hire of a domestic. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

Littleton.

(Visited June 24, 1896.)

There have been no changes at this almshouse during the past year. The drainage is still faulty and a menace to the health of the inmates. The housekeeping is inefficient. The sexes are not separated or the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, three of whom are children; one woman is insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, and it is intended to remedy some existing defects.

Lowell.

(Visited November 13, 1896.)

Very substantial improvements have been made at this almshouse during the past year. A new office has been fitted up and general improvements and renovations have been made in the administrative portion. A new kitchen and bakery are being built, and farther changes are contemplated. The old building that was occupied by the insane men has been torn down. The objectionable feature of indiscriminate association of the workhouse inmates with the general population still continues, and there are at this time seventy criminal inmates. There are twenty-one employés. Separate departments are maintained for the insane, and there is complete separation of the sexes.

There are four hundred and nine inmates, including thirty-seven children. There are twenty-nine insane men, and seventy-five insane women; two feeble-minded men, and two feeble-minded

women ; also four men and six women epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $2,000. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Ludlow.

(Visited May 22, 1896.)

The poor of this town are chiefly supported in one family under a contract of $2 per week. There are at this time three persons so situated, — a man and his wife, who occupy a very comfortable room ; and an insane man, who has had hospital treatment, and is well cared for.

Lunenburg.

(Visited May 8, 1896.)

The surroundings of this almshouse are very pleasant, the buildings are attractive and in excellent repair, and a general condition of thrift is apparent. A bath-room is still needed, and there should also be improvements in the heating. There is no structural provision for separating the sexes or the sane from the insane.

Of the eight inmates, four men are insane and two are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Lynn.

(Visited October 12, 1896.)

The new almshouse has been occupied during the year ; it is commodious and well built, and has been used with satisfaction. The arrangement of the culinary department is not wholly convenient, and its situation over the boiler-room is undesirable. The insane men still continue to occupy the old building, which is not well suited for its present use. Complete separation of the sexes is secured, and the insane men have separate apartments. No special provision is made for the insane women.

There are eighty-eight inmates. Eighteen men and two women are insane, five men and five women are feeble-minded, and one man and two women are epileptic. There are six small children. Combined salary of warden and matron, $1,200. Receipt of abstract of report of visitor not acknowledged.

Malden.

(Visited February 17, 1896.)

This almshouse is found, as usual, in an orderly condition. A good deal has been done in the way of repairs and improvements, — electric lights have been put in, and the laundry, kitchen, and

heating departments have also received additions to their equipment. The management is good and the house is clean and orderly. There is complete separation of the sexes, but no special provision is made for the insane, as it is not intended to keep any here.

Of the thirty-seven inmates, one woman is insane and one epileptic, and one man is feeble-minded. There are ten children. Combined salary of warden and matron, $700. The warden is also inspector of milk and provisions, for which he receives an additional $100. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Manchester.

(Visited April 30, 1896.)

This almshouse, which was originally built for a dwelling, is very antiquated, but it is in excellent repair and the inmates are made very comfortable. No provision is made for the separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are six inmates, all sane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $275. Receipt of visitor's report acknowledged; no comments.

Mansfield.

(Visited March 17, 1896.)

This house continues in need of repairs and is lacking in modern conveniences. Some improvements have been made during the past year, and the tramp quarters have been removed from the almshouse proper to a detached building. Over three thousand tramps were lodged here last year. One aged woman is situated in a detached building distant from the house, and mostly provides for herself. Complete separation of the sexes is secured at night, but the sane are not separated from the insane.

There are seven inmates, of whom two women are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

A feeble-minded man, who has been at the State School, is boarded with a relative, where he has good care.

Marblehead.

(Visited February 7, and April 13, 1896.)

Since the last report this almshouse has had many and important repairs made, including thorough renovation of the detached building occupied by the insane. Bath-rooms and water-closets of an improved pattern have been introduced and the whole building put

in good order. The main building has also been repaired to a lesser degree, and a decided improvement is manifest throughout. The Overseers and the newly appointed warden and matron are thoroughly alive to the needs of the town, and evidences of good management are everywhere apparent. The place is clean and orderly, and the inmates are receiving kind care and treatment. There is complete separation of the sexes and a partial one of the sane from the insane, the more violent and untidy cases of the latter class being lodged in the detached building.

There are twenty-one inmates, including one child. Two are insane, and three feeble-minded. One of the latter, a feeble-minded man, who has for many years been practically confined to his room, is now taken out regularly for exercise in the open air, greatly to his improvement.

Marion.

(Visited March 11, 1896.)

Most of the poor supported by this town are mentally defective. Among the latter is an insane man, who is boarded with relatives at $4 a week; he has excellent care. A feeble-minded man, who is supported at the same rate, is with his father in an adjoining town. Although a troublesome case, and epileptic, he is reasonably well provided for.

Marlborough.

(Visited July 16, 1896.)

Some improvement has been made in the surroundings of this almshouse, but the house is not adapted to its present use, and a new building is much needed. There is objectionable overcrowding, and the inmates who sleep in the attic are not properly provided with means of escape in case of fire. The sexes are separated completely by night and partially by day. No separate provision is made for the insane.

There are twenty-nine inmates, of whom six men and five women are insane, three men feeble-minded, and one is epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $750. The receipt of abstract of visitor's report was acknowledged, the Overseers reporting that suggestions made had been adopted.

Marshfield.

(Visited October 9, 1896.)

One-half of this house has been shingled during the past year, but no other repairs have been made. A large number of fires are required to make it habitable in the winter season. The equip-

ment is generally faulty and deficient. There is no separation of the sexes and no special provision is made for the insane.

There are five inmates, of whom one man is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $250. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Mattapoisett.

(Visited October 6, 1896.)

This house, originally a farm dwelling, has a wing devoted to the use of inmates which is unsuited for the purpose. The sexes are not separated, and evils from this defect are apparent. There is no separation of the sane from the insane.

There are four inmates: one is a feeble-minded man, and another a feeble-minded woman with her illegitimate child. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Reply to receipt of abstract of visitor's report states the intention to make alterations and improvements, especially in regard to separation of the sexes.

Maynard.

(Visited July 7, 1896.)

Better results would be reached in the care of the inmates of this almshouse if the whole of the building were devoted to almshouse purposes; as previously reported, one half is rented to a private family. There have been some renovations made during the past year, chiefly in paint and paper. There are no provisions for separating the sexes or the sane from the insane.

There are seven inmates, including one infant, and one insane man. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Medfield.

(Visited September 28, 1896.)

This almshouse presents a good appearance, and is found in its usually good condition. There is need of a bath-room, and better heating should be supplied. The sane and the insane are not separated, and the house does not provide for the complete separation of the sexes.

There are four inmates, of whom one woman is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $425. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Medford.

(Visited February 17, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in its usual good condition. The inmates are under good supervision and have satisfactory care. There is no provision made for separating the sexes or of the sane from the insane. (A subsequent visit shows that a new wing has been built which will give more efficient classification and provide for the removal of some of the insane from State hospitals. An insane woman has been removed to a State hospital.)

The inmates number twenty-one, of whom one man is feeble-minded and one woman insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $700. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged: no comments.

Medway.

(Visited September 28, 1896.)

This almshouse is much less attractive within than the exterior would indicate. It is poorly arranged, many of the rooms communicate, and on the whole it is not well suited for its present use. A bath-room is needed, and there should be improved sanitation. The housekeeping is not wholly satisfactory. An excited insane woman, who is also epileptic, is kept closely confined in the wing. There is no farther separation of the sane from the insane and no separation of the sexes.

There are fifteen inmates. Two men are insane and two feeble-minded and one woman is insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged; no comments.

Since this visit the excited woman has been committed to a State hospital.

Merrimac.

(Visited July 31, 1896.)

Among the poor of this town who are supported in private families, is a feeble-minded man who is boarded with relatives, at $3 per week, and an insane woman who is with relatives in Lawrence at $2 per week. Both have been in institutions: the man, who is blind, at Perkins Institute, and the woman at a State hospital. Both have good care.

Methuen.

(Visited February 20, 1896.)

This house is generally lacking in modern conveniences, but is in good repair, and well managed. Heating is by stoves and

imperfect. There is partial separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are five inmates, including two children. One man is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Middleborough.

(Visited October 22, 1896.)

This almshouse is well kept, and, aside from needing renewal of paint, is in good repair. The basement rooms occupied by the mentally defective men are objectionable. The drainage is defective. Complete separation of the sexes is secured except at meals. No separate provision is made for the insane.

There are fifteen inmates, of whom two men and two women are insane, and two men and four women feeble-minded, one of the latter being also epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Milford.

(Visited July 28, 1896.)

There has been an improvement in the management of this almshouse during the past year: the sexes are separated, and there has been a general improvement in the interior of the house. There is a marked degree of over-crowding, and a large number of inmates would be in danger of injury in case of fire. Some simple fire apparatus has been provided. Better sanitation is needed. No separate provision is made for the insane.

The inmates number forty-one, among whom are one insane man, two insane women, and two children. Combined salary of warden and matron, $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Millbury.

(Visited July 20, 1896.)

But little has been done in the way of repairs at this almshouse excepting what is absolutely necessary to keep it habitable. It is old and poorly arranged, and does not provide for the separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. It is kept clean and the inmates are as well cared for as can be expected with the lack of proper conveniences.

Of the four inmates, one woman is insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Milton.

(Visited August 13, 1896.)

This place is in good condition, and the inmates are well cared for. The arrangement of the house is not good for its present use, and the detached building for men is objectionable. The well has been dry a portion of the year, during which time cistern water has been used. There is complete separation of the sexes, but no special provision is made for the insane.

The inmates number seven. One woman is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, and resignation of superintendent and matron reported.

Monson.

(Visited May 15, 1896.)

No special repairs or improvements have been made here during the past year. The house is in good repair and is well kept. It still lacks a bath-room, and only stove heating is supplied. There is imperfect separation of the sexes and sane and insane are allowed to associate. The general management of the property has improved. An insane man has unattractive lodgings in an out-building.

There are ten inmates, among whom are three insane men and two insane women, and one man and one woman feeble-minded. Combined salary, $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Montague.

(Visited August 25, 1896.)

This house is inadequate for the needs of the town, being poorly arranged and scantily furnished. Stoves are used for heating, and the danger from this source is emphasized by the death of an inmate from asphyxiation in April. Tramps are lodged in a detached building, which is cared for by an inmate of the almshouse. There is no separation of the sexes, and none of the sane from the insane.

There are eleven inmates, among whom are one insane woman, one feeble-minded man, one feeble-minded and epileptic woman, and one child. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Monterey.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

The poor of this town, outside the State hospitals, are supported in private families. At present there are two so supported, — an epileptic feeble-minded man in the care of relatives in a neighboring town, and a feeble-minded woman, also outside the town limits. Both of these cases have good care, the man at $10 a month, and the woman at $1.87 a week.

Nantucket.

(Visited July 15, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in in its usual good condition, scrupulously clean and orderly throughout. The management of the almshouse and the general management of the poor of the town are very creditable. There is complete provision for separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are twenty-four inmates, including one child, seven of whom are insane, one is feeble-minded, and two have epilepsy. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Natick.

(Visited January 17, 1896.)

Two visits have been made to this almshouse. As the result of criticisms regarding the condition of things at the first inspection, the town appropriated $10,000 for the erection of a new and modern almshouse, which is rapidly approaching completion. It is in close proximity to the old one, but on higher ground, and the appearance of the partially finished building indicates that it will be very satisfactory and a credit to the town.

At the first visit there were present twenty inmates, including one child, one woman being insane, and one feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

New Ashford.

(Visited June 30, 1896.)

Among the poor of this town, all of whom are supported in private families, is a feeble-minded woman who is farmed out by the town for her board and clothes. The case is disposed of by

auction at the annual town meeting, and under the arrangement for this year the town receives a bonus of $25. As may be supposed, a good deal of work is exacted of the woman.

New Bedford.

(Visited September 20, 1896.)

This almshouse, which is most advantageously situated, presenting a very pleasant appearance, is not up to the standard which should be maintained in an institution of this size and which the city has a right to expect. Although it provides for the separation of the sexes, there is no separate provision for the insane, who mingle more or less freely with the other inmates. It also contains the workhouse element, another most objectionable feature, which should be entirely eliminated. The main house is poorly arranged and might be improved by rearranging the interior. A different disposition should be made of some of the insane men, their present quarters being dark and unhealthy. The detached water-closets should be removed, and their places supplied with modern and sanitary appliances. Greater attention should be given to the care of the inmates and their surroundings.

There are eighty-six inmates, of whom twenty-one are insane, and nine feeble-minded, and seven are children. Combined salary of warden and matron, $950.

Newbury.

(Visited April 7, 1896.)

The poor of this town are boarded in private families, and among them are two harmless insane women in the same family, who were found reasonably well clothed and provided with sufficient food, but the one room which they occupy is very disorderly and dirty. An idiotic girl, referred to last year, is found in the same place as formerly, and no improvement has been made in her care.

Newburyport.

(Visited May 6, 1896.)

This almshouse continues under efficient management, and its general condition is commendable. The sanitary appliances are good, and there is an efficient system of heating. The farm is productive, and furnishes occupation for a considerable number of the men. The most untidy inmates continue to occupy basement rooms. There is complete separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates number forty, of whom four men and two women are insane, and six men are feeble-minded, one of the latter being also epileptic; three are children. Combined salary of warden and matron, $700. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

New Salem.

(Visited June 3, 1896.)

There have been no changes at this almshouse during the past year. It is in good repair, but entirely lacking in modern conveniences. It provides for no separation of the sexes, and the insane are not separated from the sane. More careful attention to individual cases is desirable.

There are three inmates, of whom one woman is insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $260. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Newton.

(Visited July 30, 1896.)

Some of the rooms at this almshouse have been renovated during the past year, and aside from more efficient sanitation little is required to make the place satisfactory, no extensive repairs being required. An additional bath-room for women is still needed. There is no provision for complete separation of the sexes, but they are kept apart at night. Sane and insane associate.

The inmates number nineteen, including one child. One man and three women are insane, and one man and two women are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $700. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

North Adams.

(Visited June 30, 1896.)

No improvements have been made at this almshouse since last year. The construction is good and provides for complete separation of the sexes, but no separate provision is made for the insane. The housekeeping is open to criticism, there being a general lack of order and cleanliness. The proximity of the outbuildings is still an objectionable feature.

There are nineteen inmates. Two men and two women are insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $950. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

A feeble-minded woman, who has efficient care, is boarded with her mother in a neighboring town at $10 per month. An idiotic man is boarded in town and cared for by his sister.

Northampton.

(Visited August 11, 1896.)

Recent renovations have brought this almshouse into satisfactory condition, and the sanitary fixtures are in good order. Cleanliness and order prevail, and the inmates have good care and seem contented. The men and women occupy opposite wings, but there is no separation of sane and insane. The method of paying the warden and matron is not to be commended. Under the present arrangement, which has existed for several years, the warden receives $2.25 per week for inmates from Northampton and $2.50 for boarders from other towns.

There are twenty-seven inmates, one of whom is epileptic, three men and eleven women are insane, and one woman is feeble-minded; two are children. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

North Andover.

(Visited March 24, 1896.)

There are no changes to report at this almshouse: it is found in good condition and is made homelike. The farm is productive. Separation of the sexes is secured, but the sane and the insane are allowed to mingle.

There are six inmates, of whom one woman is insane, and two are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

North Attleborough.

(Visited February 18, 1896.)

Criticisms based upon observations at the above visit have resulted in providing for a detached hospital building. The house and buildings are in good repair, and there is a well equipped kitchen with ample cold storage. The place is under efficient management, and provides for complete separation of the sexes, but there is no special provision for the insane.

There are thirteen inmates. Two men are feeble-minded, one of whom is also epileptic, and there are two feeble-minded women. Combined salary of warden and matron, $550. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Northborough.

(Visited July 16, 1896.)

This almshouse is poorly arranged and lacking in proper conveniences. There have been no improvements within the past year, except minor ones in the way of painting and papering. The house is heated by stoves, and some portions of it are uncomfortable in winter. There is no separation of the sexes and none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates number three, all sane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Northbridge.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

This almshouse is under good management and the house is in satisfactory condition. No repairs or improvements have been made during the past year. There should be improvements in the sanitation, and the bath-room lacks water connection. There is no provision for separation of the sexes, and none of the sane from the insane.

The inmates number six, all sane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

North Brookfield.

(Visited March 11, 1896.)

The criticisms which have formerly been made on this almshouse are again emphasized. The house should be abandoned, being unfit for occupancy and past repair. It is kept clean and the management is as good as the difficulties of the situation permit. The farm has been made very productive under fertilization of the town sewage. The structural conditions permit of no separation of the sexes nor of classification of the inmates.

The inmates are nine in number, including one child with its unwedded mother. One man is feeble-minded, and one woman insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report has been acknowledged, and conference has been held with the Overseers relative to bringing the matter of building a new house before the town at the next annual meeting.

An insane woman, formerly at a State Hospital, has excellent care in a private family in Westfield.

Northfield.

(Visited April 24, 1896.)

The poor of this town are situated in different private families. Most of them are boarded, by contract, at the rate of $2.50 a week; but an idiotic man, for whose support $1.50 a week is paid, receives most of his clothes and part of his board from neighbors, for whom he runs errands and saws wood. The lodgings for this man are very objectionable.

North Reading.

(Visited March 10, 1896.)

This almshouse is on the whole well kept, but the portion formerly occupied by tramps and now used for general purposes was found much overheated from the stove which is left to the care of an inmate, and the inmates who are kept here, and locked in their rooms, are in great danger from fire. The house lacks modern conveniences. Tramps are now lodged in a detached building, which was found in fair condition. There is no separation of sexes, and the sane and the insane are allowed to mingle.

There are four inmates, including one insane woman, and one woman who is a dwarf and feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Norton.

(Visited March 17, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, in a good state of repair, in good order, and well equipped. The water supply is deficient, and the well on the place failed a part of the year, so that water had to be brought from a neighboring farmhouse. The sexes are not separated, nor are the sane from the insane.

The inmates are four in number, of whom one man is insane and one woman feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, and suggestions noted.

Norwell.

(Visited October 9, 1896.)

The good impression made by the exterior of this almshouse is dissipated by inspection of its interior, which is poorly arranged, unattractive, and unsuitable for its purposes. The situation in the centre of the town is undesirable, and a re-location in a more

retired place is recommended. The inmates are well cared for, and the condition of the house and its management is as good as the structural inconveniences permit. There is no classification of inmates.

There are six inmates, of whom one of each sex is insane, and one man and one woman are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Orange.

(Visited June 4, 1896.)

This almshouse continues under good management and is clean and in good order. The situation is undesirable. There is no separation of the sexes, nor is there any provision for separate care of the insane.

There are four inmates, of whom two women are insane, and one is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Oxford.

(Visited September 15, 1896.)

The sanitary conditions at this almshouse remain unsatisfactory, and the place is still lacking a bath-room. No repairs and improvements have been made during the past year, and the too rigid system of economy which is generally apparent is not to be commended. There is complete separation of sexes by night, but no special provision for the insane.

The inmates are twelve in number. One woman is insane and three men and two women feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged, and Overseers report that alterations in the vaults and improvements at the barn have been made.

An insane woman belonging to this town has good care in a private family in New Braintree at $2 a week.

Palmer.

(Visited May 14, 1896.)

Changes and additions at this almshouse, formerly mentioned, have been completed and entire separation of the sexes is now secured. The new wing was cheaply constructed and is scarcely large enough for the present demands. The arrangement of the interior is not good. The housekeeping is subject to criticism, especially in the men's department. The bath-room is not used

and is very objectionably located in a passage way. A domestic should be employed. No provision is made for separating the sane from the insane.

There are twenty-six inmates. Four men and three women are insane and one of each sex feeble-minded. One child is here, cared for by his mother. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Peabody.

(Visited February 7, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in its usual condition. It is clean and orderly, and the inmates are under good care. Eight paupers belonging to other towns are boarded here. The house is provided with modern conveniences. The farm is productive and furnishes employment for a considerable number of the men. The warden distributes supplies to the outside poor of the town from the almshouse stores. There is complete separation of the sexes, but the sane and insane are not separately provided for.

The inmates number forty, among whom are four children. One inmate is insane and four are feeble-minded, one of the latter being also epileptic. The warden and matron are paid $600. Receipt of visitor's report acknowledged, and mention made of minor interior repairs.

Pembroke.

(Visited April 24, 1896.)

Farther improvements in the management of this almshouse are to be noted, but a higher standard is desirable. The construction of the building is a barrier to the best classification of inmates, several of the sleeping-rooms communicating with each other. Objectionable feather beds are used for most of the inmates. The sexes are completely separated by night, but no effort is made to separate the sane and insane.

Among the inmates, who number seven, are one insane, one epileptic and two feeble-minded persons. The warden and matron are paid $350 per year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Pepperell.

(Visited May 28, 1896.)

But little has been done at this almshouse in the way of repairs during the last year. It is in good condition, however, although lacking in some modern appointments. The bath-room is of little use, not being supplied with water. Tramps are accommodated

in neat quarters in the attic, — an objectionable arrangement. The house is not arranged for separation of the sexes, but they are kept apart at night. The sane and insane associate.

There are three inmates, of whom one is insane, and one feeble-minded. Warden and matron are paid $375. Reply to visitor's report states that a contract has been made for supplying the bath-room with hot and cold water.

Peru.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

This town supports a helpless, deformed idiot in her mother's home at $1.50 a week. The case has as good care as can be given by the family in their squalid condition. More liberal provision should be made for this family.

Petersham.

(Visited May 30, 1896.)

This almshouse is an old, poorly arranged structure, and but few repairs are made excepting such as are necessary to preserve the property. The water supply is in danger of contamination from the drains and vaults. No separation of the sexes is made, and none of the sane from the insane.

There are three inmates, all mentally defective, two being insane, and one feeble-minded. The warden and matron are paid $400. No comments on visitor's report.

Pittsfield.

(Visited October 20, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, and in many respects is well arranged. It provides a separate building for its insane, who are kindly treated. The general condition, while not up to the highest standard, is commendable, and the discipline, order and thrift shown are praiseworthy. The house provides for complete separation of the sexes. A new barn is building, which, when finished, will make the equipment very complete.

There are forty-six inmates, including two children. Eighteen are insane and six feeble-minded. There is also one woman boarding in a private family, who receives partial support from the town. The warden receives a salary of $600 per year.

Plymouth.

(Visited April 23, 1896.)

This almshouse is under good management and is in good condition. The inmates are well cared for. Complete separation of the sexes is secured, and a separate wing has been arranged for several insane of both sexes, but it has not yet been used for that purpose.

There are thirteen inmates. Two men are insane, one of them being also epileptic, and another inmate is feeble-minded. The warden and matron are paid $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Provincetown.

(Visited October 20, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in excellent condition and is a model of neatness and order. It lacks modern appliances, but the inmates are provided with a good home and receive the best of care. No separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane is made.

There are seven inmates. One man is feeble-minded and epileptic, and three women are also feeble-minded. The matron is paid $260. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Quincy.

(Visited January 20, 1896.)

The almshouse here remains unchanged. No proper separation of the sexes is secured. There is a bath-room, but it is used by the inmates only as they choose. Heating and ventilation are good, and the house is clean and orderly. The premises have been improved by discontinuing the use of the front yard as a city dump, but the swill nuisance in the rear continues. There are accommodations for nearly twice the present number of inmates. The warden distributes supplies to the outside poor of the town from the almshouse stores.

There are twelve inmates, of whom one man is insane. The warden and matron have a salary of $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Randolph.

(Visited March 13, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in a dirty, disorderly condition, showing a general lack of good management. There have been no

repairs since the last report except such renewals of paint and paper and similar minor interior renovations as have been made by the warden. The vaults continue as an objectionable feature, and should be re-located. A domestic should be employed. The house does not provide for effectual separation of the sexes, and the sane and the insane are allowed to associate.

Of the eight inmates, two women are insane, and one man is feeble-minded. There is also an insane woman boarded here who has had hospital treatment. The case is a troublesome one, requiring almost entire seclusion, and her care occupies a large portion of the time of the matron. Salary of warden and matron, $500. The Overseers of the Poor acknowledge the receipt of visitor's report, and deny that there is ground for the criticisms made.

Raynham.

(Visited June 22, 1896.)

The poor of this town are supported in private families. A feeble-minded girl, thirteen years of age, also epileptic, is in a good home, where she is treated as one of the family. The town pays $3 a week for her support.

Reading.

(Visited March 10, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in a good state of repair, and every portion of it is clean and orderly. Two men sleep in a rough attic room, occupying it by preference. There is no separation of the sexes, and the sane and the insane are allowed to mingle. There is one criminal inmate who is associated with the rest.

There are six inmates, of whom two men are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Since the above visit, charges of harsh treatment of inmates have been made against the warden, and a change of management has taken place.

Rehoboth.

(Visited September 24, 1896.)

At this almshouse an improvement has been made in removing the tramps from the attic rooms to a detached building; otherwise the place is found in the same condition as last year. Additional changes are very much needed. The interior is not cheerful, is poorly arranged, and in need of renovation. The drainage is very faulty, and a recent case of typhoid fever is undoubtedly due to contamination of the water supply from the privy vaults. The

sexes are associated, and there is no separate provision for mental cases.

The inmates are seven in number, including two children. One of each sex is feeble-minded, one woman being also epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Rochester.

(Visited October 6, 1896.)

This town continues to use for an almshouse the old, poorly arranged, and somewhat dilapidated building that has served for the purpose for many years. It is entirely without modern conveniences, and is heated by stoves. There is a lack of good housekeeping, although a reasonable degree of cleanliness is maintained. There is no structural provision for separation of the sexes, and no separation of the sane from the insane.

The inmates, four in number, including one child, are all defective. One insane woman is kept in close confinement most of the time. Two women are insane, and one of each sex is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $200. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Rockland.

(Visited March 25, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in good repair, clean, and in good order. Since the last report, wiring of the house for electric lights has been completed, and the system is in good working order. At the last annual town meeting a committee was appointed to report upon the enlargement of the house, with the view of providing for separation of the sexes, and making other improvements. At the present time no separation is made, and the sane and the insane are also allowed to mingle. Tramps are accommodated in a detached building.

The inmates are thirteen in number, two of whom are feeble-minded men. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Reply of Overseers to visitor's report states that the committee referred to has not yet reported, and no changes in the house have been made.

Rockport.

(Visited January 21, 1896.)

Since the last report, city water has been introduced, but otherwise no repairs or improvements have been made at this almshouse. The place, however, was found in good order and well cared for.

Improvements in the bath-room are suggested: there is no set tub and no supply of hot and cold water. No effectual separation of the sexes is made, and the sane and the insane are in association.

The inmates number seven. One of each sex is insane and three women are feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Salem.

(Visited October 14, 1896.)

This almshouse is well constructed, well arranged and in good preservation. In general it is clean and orderly. It provides for a complete separation of the sexes, and the insane are cared for in a separate building. The general management is excellent, and with a few changes and improvements, the almshouse would be all that could be desired. More attention should be paid to good housekeeping in the department occupied by insane men. The use of the outside water-closets on the men's side of the department for paupers should be at once given up, and the objectionable buildings removed. Some minor repairs are also much needed upon the main building. The house has a most excellent situation, with plenty of pure, fresh air, and good opportunities for drainage.

There are one hundred and nineteen inmates, of whom fifty-two are insane, two feeble-minded, and four epileptic. Several children are present, — some with their mothers, and others for temporary relief. The warden and matron receive a salary of $800.

Sandisfield.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and its poor are supported in private families. They are two in number, one of them in another town. One, a feeble-minded man, has insufficient care and accommodation, and the Overseers express their willingness to remove him to a hospital or provide a better home. The other, also feeble-minded, lives with his mother and receives but indifferent care. $2 per week is paid for his support.

Sandwich.

(Visited January 24, 1896.)

The general condition of this almshouse remains the same as stated in the reports for many years. The house is old, poorly arranged, and inadequate for its present use. A complete separa-

tion of the sexes is provided by night, but none during the day. There is no separation of the sane from the insane. There is a general appearance of order and cleanliness. The house is heated by stoves. It is necessary to lock several patients in their rooms, and, owing to the peculiar construction of the building, in case of fire there would inevitably be loss of life. A different method of heating should be adopted, and a bath-room should be furnished. The insane man, whom for so long a time it has been considered necessary to keep apart by himself, now has entire freedom, assisting somewhat in work upon the farm.

There are sixteen inmates, eleven of whom are insane, and one is feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $800 a year. The Overseers of the Poor report, June 27, that no changes have been made.

Saugus.

(Visited March 23, 1896.)

This almshouse presents its usual appearance, with the exception of an improved exterior, which has been recently painted. The interior is ill arranged, and the care which the house and inmates receive is poor. Dirt and disorder are found throughout. The use of the attic as a sleeping place for men should be abandoned, for in case of fire there is no exit from it except by the steep attic stairs. The room which serves the double purpose of a chamber and bath-room should be devoted entirely to the latter use, and hot and cold water supplied. There is no provision for separation of the sexes.

There are six inmates, one of whom is insane, two are feeble-minded, and one is epileptic. The warden and matron receive $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Savoy.

(Visited July 1, 1896.)

This town sells the keeping of its poor to the lowest bidder. At present they are placed in two families. For the care of an insane woman and her idiotic daughter $229.50 per year is paid, with clothing in addition. One man, eighty-eight years old, is boarded and clothed by another family at a cost of $90 to the town. His general appearance and surroundings would indicate that the amount was entirely too small.

Seekonk.

(Visited September 24, 1896.)

There has been no change at this almshouse since the last report. The exterior presents a good appearance, and within order and cleanliness prevail. A bath-room should be put in, and heat should be supplied from a common source, either by furnace or steam. There is no provision for separation of the sexes.

There are five inmates, two of whom are feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $400 a year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Sharon.

(Visited April 10, 1896.)

This almshouse is an ordinary country dwelling-house, without any of the characteristics of a modern almshouse. It is placed in an isolated spot, and lacks conveniences for good administration. A bath-room should be supplied, and a furnace would be an improvement upon the present use of stoves. The place is kept clean and in an orderly condition.

There are four inmates, one of whom is insane. The warden and matron receive $275. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Sheffield.

(Visited July 22, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and its poor are boarded in a private family, which is regarded as a substitute for the almshouse. $2.50 a week is paid for such cases as are sent here. They are lodged in an old frame building, which is dilapidated and cheerless. The furniture, mostly town property, is old and poor. The inmates, however, seem contented, and probably are well supplied with food. Several cases are boarded in other families at a lower rate. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged.

Shelburne.

(Visited July 3, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and supports one feeble-minded man at an expense of $2.50 per week, besides clothing. He apparently receives good and sufficient food, but the condition of his room and bedding is one of dirt and disorder.

Sherborn.

(Visited June 11, 1896.)

This almshouse, which, in its old and dilapidated condition, has been so long a subject of criticism, is about to be replaced by a new one. Plans for this have been submitted to the Board and heartily approved. While it is to be regretted that a little larger sum could not be appropriated, so as to insure more ample accommodations, yet the town is to be congratulated that, upon the completion of the building, it will have one of the best arranged almshouses in the State. There will be provision for the complete separation of the sexes, and, if necessary, of the sane from the insane. For ease of administration and economy of space, it will be a model building.

The number of inmates now supported by the town is four, including one insane and one feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $475.

Shrewsbury.

(Visited September 2, 1896.)

This almshouse, as reported previously, is too old and dilapidated for its present use, and should either have extensive repairs or be replaced by a new building. The general condition is as good as could be expected under the circumstances. The old barn has been replaced by a new one.

There are four inmates, one of whom is feeble-minded and one epileptic. The warden and matron receive a salary of $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Shutesbury.

(Visited August 25, 1896.)

This almshouse is like an ordinary country farmhouse. It appears to be very well managed, and is kept in a clean and orderly condition. There is need of a bath-room with hot and cold water. The farm is quite productive, and supplies the house with good and suitable food.

The inmates are five in number, of whom one is insane, four are feeble-minded, and two epileptic. The salary of the warden and matron is $225. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Somerset.

(Visited July 10, 1896.)

No improvement has been made in this almshouse. It is still much in need of repair, and is cheerless and unattractive without

and within, and very cold in winter. Greater attention should be paid to good housekeeping, the lack of which is very apparent. A bath-room is needed. There is no provision for separation of the sexes.

There are seven inmates, three of whom are insane and one is feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Somerville.

(Visited August 15, 1896.)

Two of the insane of this city are provided for at the homes of relatives, one in East Taunton and one in Maine. Both have satisfactory care.

Southborough.

(Visited August 29, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and its poor are supported in private families. There is at present but one, a feeble-minded man, who has a good home, and receives proper care and attention.

Southbridge.

(Visited September 16, 1896.)

No changes have been made at this almshouse since the last report. The general management would not appear to be of the best, the house not being in that clean and orderly condition which is desirable. The bath-tub placed in a remote room, and never used, should be changed and properly fitted, and regular bathing enforced. More attention should be paid to the condition of the water-closets, which were found neglected. A more wholesome and nutritious diet should be provided. There is provision for separation of the sexes, but not of the sane from the insane.

There are fifteen inmates, four of whom are insane and one feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $600.

South Hadley.

(Visited November 3, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in good order, well cared for, clean and tidy. A bath-room is much needed and should be immediately supplied. There is no provision for separation of the sexes. The custom of providing for tramps in the almshouse proper, as practised here, should be abandoned, and such persons placed in some remote building.

There are nine inmates, one of whom has epilepsy. They evidently receive good care. The warden and matron are paid $400 a year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Southwick.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and the one charge of the town, an aged feeble-minded woman, is boarded in a private family, where she receives proper care and attention.

Spencer.

(Visited September 14, 1896.)

This almshouse is a wooden building of two stories and two wings, pleasantly situated, in good condition, and under efficient management. Necessary repairs are made from time to time as occasion demands. There is no provision for separation of the sexes.

There are nine inmates, four of whom are insane and one has epilepsy. The warden and matron receive a salary of $500 and the aid of two employés. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Springfield.

(Visited November 4, 1896.)

This almshouse is one of the best in the State. It is fitted throughout with every requirement for good administration and the care of its inmates. There is complete separation of the sexes, and the insane are well provided for in a building constructed specially for their use. All the inmates have the advantage of regular medical inspection, and the insane are provided with special attendants. The management is excellent.

There are one hundred and eighty-two inmates, including ten children. Eighty are insane, two feeble-minded, and nine have epilepsy. The warden and matron receive a salary of $1,000. The Overseers report that no changes are contemplated at present.

Sterling.

(Visited September 22, 1896.)

This almshouse is well managed, and kept in a clean and orderly condition, but it lacks some appliances, the most important of which is a bath-room, of which there is urgent need. There is no separation of the sexes, and a structural provision for this purpose

should be made. The farm is quite productive, yielding $1,300 for the town in the past year.

There are eight inmates, three of whom are insane and two feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $564. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Stoneham.

(Visited January 27, 1896.)

This almshouse is a wooden structure of two stories with two wings, and is pleasantly situated. It is under good management, and is kept in a clean and orderly condition. It is provided with steam heat and a sufficient number of properly equipped bath-rooms and closets. A number of inmates sleep in the attic dormitories, and better means for escape in case of fire should be provided for them. There is a complete separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are ten inmates, two of whom are feeble-minded and one is epileptic. The warden and matron receive a salary of $500. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Stoughton.

(Visited March 13, 1896.)

This old almshouse is still badly out of repair, and so ill adapted to its present use that it should be abandoned. It lacks a bath-room and fire escapes. In general it is kept in a clean and orderly condition, but a little more attention to details is desirable. The inmates are made as comfortable as the place will permit. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are eight inmates, including one child. Two are insane and one idiotic. The warden and matron receive $500 a year. The Overseers report, July 11, that no change has been made.

Stow.

(Visited July 7, 1896.)

This almshouse, although it is very old, is kept in fairly good repair, and the management is very efficient. The house is clean and orderly throughout, and the inmates receive very satisfactory care. Proper facilities for bathing should be added.

The inmates are five in number, all women. There are no insane. The warden and matron receive $300 per year, besides

having the assistance of one man the entire year, and of another a portion of the year, for farm work. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Sturbridge.

(Visited September 16, 1896.)

This almshouse, originally built for a tavern, is very old and dilapidated and very cold in winter. It should either be repaired, or replaced by a new building. It is kept in a clean and orderly condition, but its appearance would be much improved by new paper and paint. A bath-room is an urgent need. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

There are nine inmates, one a woman with an illegitimate child. One man is insane, and one man and two women are feeble-minded. Two of the inmates are boarders.

Sudbury.

(Visited July 7, 1896.)

There has been no change at this almshouse since the last report, and it continues to be much in need of repairs. It is old and poorly arranged, not providing for any separation of the sexes. A bath-room should be fitted up and something done to make the place more comfortable and attractive.

There are six inmates, one of whom is insane and four are feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $375. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report acknowledged by Overseers of the Poor.

Sutton.

(Visited July 20, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, but is too small for the demands made upon it, and it is much overcrowded. An additional wing should be built, which would give a proper separation of the sexes and lead to a much better classification than now exists, the present condition in this respect being very objectionable. Too little money appears to be allowed by the town for the support of the almshouse inmates. More help should be allowed the warden and matron both for in-door and out-door work.

The inmates are seventeen in number, many of whom are defective mentally, and require much care at times. There are six

insane, seven feeble-minded, and one epileptic, among them. The warden and matron receive a salary of $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Swansea.

(Visited July 10, 1896.)

This almshouse, although it lacks a much needed bath-room and other conveniences, is well managed and provides satisfactorily for its inmates.

There are four inmates, all mentally defective, two being insane and two feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $375.

Taunton.

(Visited September 2, 1896.)

This almshouse presents an attractive appearance, but is poorly arranged for its present use. Its general appearance is disorderly but fairly clean. There are a large number of infirm inmates, many being confined to their beds. The large attics used as dormitories are an objectionable feature in their present condition. There is provision for separation of the sexes, but none for separation of the sane from the insane.

There are sixty-one inmates, including six children. Four are insane and two feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $900. The Overseers of the Poor acknowledge receipt of abstract of visitor's report, and express themselves as fully alive to the situation, and the necessity for improvements.

Templeton.

(Visited August 27, 1896.)

There have been no repairs at this almshouse since the last report. The equipment is poor, and the furnace does not heat it thoroughly. There is no supply of water for the bath-tub. Tramps are accommodated in the portion of the house devoted to men. General repairs, both exterior and interior, are needed. The management is as good as the many structural inconveniences permit. Separation of the sexes by night is secured, but no special provision is made for the insane.

There are seven inmates, of whom two women are insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $750. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Tewksbury.

(Visited June 22, 1896.)

This almshouse is found in good order and under good management. The rooms are pleasant, the construction modern, and the inmates are provided with a comfortable home. Tramps are lodged in the basement, an arrangement which is objectionable. Complete separation of the sexes is made except at meals. Sane and insane are not separated.

There are five inmates. Two men and one woman are insane, and one woman is feeble-minded. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Tolland.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

The poor of this town are boarded in private families. Among them, an idiotic woman is boarded with her father at $1.25 per week, and is well cared for.

Topsfield.

(Visited July 31, 1896.)

The outside of the buildings has been painted and blinds put on the house, and there has also been some renovation of the interior. Aside from these repairs no changes have been made since the last report. A bath-room is needed. There is no separation of the sexes and no separate provision is made for the insane.

The inmates are five in number, all sane; one is a child. Combined salary of warden and matron, $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Townsend.

(Visited June 25, 1896.)

Although entirely lacking in modern conveniences, this almshouse furnishes a comfortable home for its inmates, and the place is under good management. New floors have been laid since the last visit, but no other repairs have been made, although it is stated that improvements in the drainage are contemplated. The sexes, and the sane and insane, associate.

The inmates are eight in number. One man and five women are insane, one woman is feeble-minded and epileptic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $450. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Truro.

As this town has no poor, the almshouse has been closed.

Tyngsborough.

(Visited May 1, 1896.)

This almshouse is in an extreme state of dilapidation, open to the weather, and wholly unfit for habitation. The interior is clean but disorderly. Most of the rooms are used for storage of farm products. The farm is productive and forms the basis of a business arrangement for the town. The niggardly economy on the part of the town gives the warden and matron but little encouragement in their work, but the place is reasonably well managed in the face of many obstacles.

There is but one inmate, a feeble-minded man. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Tyringham.

(Visited July 23, 1896.)

The poor of this town are supported in private families. Among them are a feeble-minded woman and a feeble-minded girl, both well cared for, the former at $2 a week and the latter at $90 for the year. The precaution has been taken to put the girl in a retired country place.

Upton.

(Visited July 28, 1896.)

This almshouse, built of wood, is new, but poorly arranged. It provides for no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. There are good bathing facilities, and the house is well heated by a furnace. The sanitary arrangements are good, and the interior is clean and homelike.

There are four inmates, none of whom are insane. Combined salary of warden and matron, $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Uxbridge.

(Visited July 21, 1896.)

This place is in ordinary repair, but under poor management. There are no bathing facilities and the house is heated by stoves. By intelligent management the structural provisions might permit of good separation of the sexes at night, but at present this is not attempted.

There are eleven inmates, including one child. One woman is insane, and one man and one woman idiotic. Combined salary of warden and matron, $300. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Wakefield.

(Visited January 24, 1896.)

This almshouse has received some needed repairs within the past year. Steam heat has been introduced, and there are good bathing facilities, but some of the sanitary conditions are faulty. The management is good, and special attention is paid to the farm, which yields a good income. The sexes are not separated or the sane from the insane.

There are nine inmates, among whom are a brother and sister, and an illegitimate child of the latter, all feeble-minded. The salary paid is $650. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Wales.

(Visited May 20, 1896.)

This town supports most of its poor who are not in State Hospitals in one family, at a weekly rate of $2 for each. There are three aged insane women so cared for who have had hospital treatment. Better care could doubtless be secured at a higher rate.

Walpole.

(Visited September 11, 1896.)

This almshouse is past repair, but is kept as homelike as the condition of the building will permit. There is no bath-room, the house is heated by stoves, and the sanitary conditions are faulty. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are three inmates, of whom two are idiotic. The combined salary of warden and matron is $400. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Waltham.

(Visited January 12, 1896.)

This comparatively new almshouse is well arranged, and provides good separation of the sexes and partial separation of the sane from the insane. It is supplied with all modern appliances, and is well kept.

The number of inmates is thirty-seven, of whom eighteen are insane, two idiotic, and two epileptic. An insane woman who

has had hospital treatment receives $100 from the city, with which, together with her earnings, she is able to maintain herself. The combined salary of warden and matron is $900. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Ware.

(Visited May 18, 1896.)

This almshouse is old, out of repair, lacks bathing facilities, and is heated by stoves. The sexes are not separated, nor is any provision made to separate the sane from the insane. The house is kept in good order, and the inmates are well cared for.

There are eight inmates, all sane. An idiotic man is boarded by the town in a private family, and is well cared for. The warden's salary is $420. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Wareham.

(Visited October 19, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated and in good repair, but lacks bathing facilities and is heated by stoves. There is partial separation of the sexes, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are eight inmates, of whom two are idiotic and one epileptic. The warden's salary is $250. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Warren.

(Visited May 20, 1896.)

This almshouse is in good repair and is made homelike. It is steam heated, but lacks a good bath-room. The sexes are not separated, and the insane associate with the sane. The barns are in bad condition.

There are eleven inmates, of whom two are idiotic, one of the latter a child. The warden's salary is $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Warwick.

(Visited June 4, 1896.)

This almshouse, pleasantly situated, and in fair repair outside, is in a dilapidated condition within and poorly furnished. A part of it is in a disorderly condition. There is a lack of bathing facilities and other modern appliances.

There are three inmates, of whom one is insane and epileptic. The warden's salary is $325. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Watertown.

(Visited January 28, 1896.)

This almshouse has a pleasing exterior, but the interior shows cheapness of construction and is not kept in the best of order. It is well supplied with bath-rooms, is heated by steam, and has other modern appliances. There is good structural provision for separation of the sexes, but none for the separation of the sane from the insane.

There are ten inmates, of whom two are insane and one is epileptic. The warden's salary is $500. The Overseers of the Poor acknowledged receipt of abstract of visitor's report, and stated that the condition of the almshouse was entirely satisfactory to themselves.

Wayland.

(Visited August 14, 1896.)

This almshouse has been built but a few years, and was constructed without any provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane. There is a bath-tub, but it is not supplied with hot or cold water. The house is neat and clean, but the bedding is poor. The water-closets are badly situated and poorly ventilated.

There are four inmates, of whom one is insane. The warden's salary is $350. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Webster.

(Visited September 15, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated and kept in fair repair, but is lacking in good bathing facilities and a method of general heating. It is kept neat and clean, but sufficient help is not provided. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are seventeen inmates, of whom two are insane and one is idiotic. The warden's salary is $600. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Wellesley.

(Visited January 29, 1896.)

This almshouse has a pleasant outside appearance, but is not well adapted to its present use. There are bathing facilities and the house is well heated by a furnace. There is no provision made for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

Of the eleven inmates, two belong to Needham. Three of the inmates are insane, and one is idiotic. There is one child, with its mother. The warden receives $550. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Wendell.

(Visited August 26, 1896.)

This almshouse, which is a large, old-fashioned farmhouse, has had no change since last year, and is fairly clean and orderly. Two insane persons were removed to one of the lunatic hospitals at the request of this Board. The remaining inmates receive indifferent care, and a more efficient management is desirable. A different provision should be made for tramps, who are now lodged in the house. Complaint is made of an insufficient water supply. The location of the well is objectionable, as it is in a position to receive drainage from unwholesome sources.

There are two inmates, both old men, one of whom is insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $300 a year.

Westborough.

(Visited May 26, 1896.)

This almshouse is very pleasantly situated, and appears to be efficiently managed. It is heated by steam, and the present objectionable water-closets are soon to be replaced by modern and approved ones. There is provision for separation of the sexes, but none for separation of the sane from the insane. The rooms are comfortably furnished, and the food is good and abundant.

There are fifteen inmates, of whom five are feeble-minded and two have epilepsy. The warden and matron receive a salary of $500. The Overseers of the Poor report, June 24, that the proposed repairs and improvements have been made.

West Boylston.

(Visited May 18, 1896.)

This almshouse is pleasantly situated, and remains in the same satisfactory condition as at the time of the last report. It is kept

clean and orderly; and although it is lacking in some points, the few inmates who are sent here receive good care. A bath-room is needed, and a different method of disposing of tramps should be provided, and is said to be under consideration. The farm is quite productive, and, chiefly from its dairy, yielded the town $1,200 last year.

There is at this time but one inmate, a feeble-minded woman. The warden and matron receive a salary of $500 per year. The Overseers report, under date of July 4, that no changes have been made.

West Bridgewater.

(Visited June 23, 1896.)

This almshouse, of comparatively recent construction, is pleasantly situated, and in general appearance shows an improvement since the last inspection. It is heated by steam, has good sanitary appliances, is clean and orderly, and the inmates appear to receive good care. Separation of the sexes is provided for, but none of the sane from the insane.

There are seven inmates, two of whom are insane and two feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $375. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

West Brookfield.

(Visited May 20, 1896.)

This almshouse, a comparatively new one, is constructed like an ordinary dwelling, and lacks some necessary appliances. A bath-room is especially needed, and bathing should be enforced. The house appears to be efficiently managed, and is kept in a clean and orderly condition. There is complete separation of the sexes at meals but not at other times.

There are five inmates, one of whom is insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $425. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Westfield.

(Visited May 13, 1896.)

This almshouse is very well situated, and in many respects affords good accommodations for its inmates. The place is in a clean and orderly condition, and the management is efficient and satisfactory. Provision for separation of the sexes is made, but none for the separation of the sane from the insane. The detached brick building in the rear is an objectionable feature, and the in-

mates who now occupy it should be provided with other and better accommodations.

There are twenty-seven inmates, two of whom are insane, four feeble-minded, and one has epilepsy. The warden and matron receive a salary of $700, and have served here nearly fifteen years. The Overseers report that some of the improvements suggested are under consideration.

Westford.

(Visited June 24, 1896.)

This almshouse is a brick structure of two stories, with one wing. It presents a good appearance upon the exterior and is kept in a clean and orderly condition within. It lacks a bath-room, and suitable fire escapes. The inmates apparently receive kind care and treatment and are furnished with a plentiful supply of food of good quality.

There are eight inmates, two of whom are insane. Among the inmates are three old soldiers, who pay the town for their board. The warden and matron receive a salary of $450. The Overseers report, July 24, that no changes have been made.

West Newbury.

(Visited September 25, 1896.)

There has been no change at this almshouse during the year. The construction is that of an ordinary dwelling house, and it would be improved by furnace heat and a bath-room, the latter being much needed. Bathing should be regular and should be enforced. The management is satisfactory.

There are four inmates, one of whom is insane. The warden and matron receive a salary of $325. The Overseers of the Poor report, October 7, that no changes have been made.

Weston.

(Visited August 14, 1896.)

This almshouse was found in bad condition. Nothing has been done in the way of repairs, and little or no interest is shown in management, the interior being disorderly and dirty. Repairs and improvements are much needed, including a bath-room, better drainage, and a new water supply. The farm is productive and yields a large revenue to the town. Additional help is needed in the house.

There are three inmates, one of whom is feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $450 a year. The Overseers of the Poor report, October 6, that they intend to make needed repairs at an early date.

Westport.

(Visited October 5, 1896.)

This almshouse is an old building, and arrangements are being made to improve its condition. Steam heat is to be added and also suitable bathing facilities, which are much needed. Additional help in the house would greatly assist in maintaining the proper order and cleanliness, many of the inmates being demented and untidy, and requiring much time and attention.

There are nine inmates, including one child: five of them are insane and three feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $450 per year. The Overseers of the Poor report, November 2, that they propose making some changes.

Weymouth.

(Visited Feburary 12, 1896.)

This almshouse is well situated, but is entirely too small for its present use, and lacks some structural provisions which are important in a house caring for so many inmates. At present it is much overcrowded. The separation of the sexes should be made complete at all times, to avoid such unfortunate results as have already followed from the present arrangement. There is no separation of the sane from the insane. The general management is as good as could be expected under the existing conditions.

There are thirty-six inmates, including two children. Five are insane and five feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $850 per year. Overseers of the Poor acknowledge receipt of visitor's report.

Wilbraham.

(Visited May 22, 1896.)

This town fully supports but one person, — an aged insane woman, who lives at her old home under peculiar and unsuitable conditions, she being cared for by neighbors and an old man who lives with her.

Williamsburg.

(Visited August 6, 1896.)

This town has no almshouse, and supports its one pauper in an excellent family, where she receives every necessary care and attention.

Williamstown.

(Visited June 30, 1896.)

The buildings used for an almshouse here are two, — the main dwelling occupied by the warden's family, and a second occupied by inmates. The conditions upon which this place is managed are peculiar, the warden renting the farm from the town for $100 per year and receiving $2 per week for each inmate. The warden also has a blacksmith's and wheelwright's shop. There are no bathing facilities in the inmates' part, and whatever water is used by them has to be carried in pails. The condition of the buildings and their surroundings is not creditable.

There are five inmates, one being feeble-minded.

Wilmington.

(Visited June 16, 1896.)

This almshouse is kept in a clean and orderly condition, but a poor economy is manifested in an unwillingness to expend money for repairs or improvements. The only money allowed for repairs is derived from the sale of eggs produced on the place. There is no bath-room, and no provision for the separation of the sexes.

There are but two inmates, one being feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive $375. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Winchendon.

(Visited May 29, 1896.)

This almshouse is in good state of repair except in regard to windows, which should be replaced by new ones. The house is kept clean and orderly, and is provided with steam heat, and a bath-room which is not sufficiently used. There is no provision for separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are nine inmates, two of whom are insane and one is feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $800. The Overseers of the Poor report, June 25, their willingness to make needed changes.

Woburn.

(Visited February 3, 1896.)

As usual, this almshouse was found clean and in good order. The water-closets should be improved. The inmates being largely men addicted to intemperance, five of them held under workhouse sentences, more rigid discipline is enforced than is usually necessary in almshouses. Parts of the basement are not suitable for occupancy, though needed for use. Separation of the sexes is very imperfect; for the insane there is no provision. Little useful labor is furnished by the inmates.

There are thirty-four inmates, one of whom is insane, and four are idiotic, one of the latter being also epileptic. A veteran warden is in charge, at a salary of $650. The Overseers acknowledge receipt of visitor's report, and state their desire to improve the present unsatisfactory condition which permits a mingling of pauper and criminal elements.

Worcester.

(Visited October 28, 1896.)

This large almshouse, among the best in the State, is well equipped for its purpose, and maintains a separate department for the care of its insane, of modern and improved construction; it provides also for the complete separation of the sexes. The efficient management is shown in the order and scrupulous cleanliness found in every department. Regular medical inspection is provided, and paid help, to the number of thirty, are employed, insuring all needed attention to the inmates.

There are one hundred and eighty-one inmates, including six children, of whom eighty-four are insane, four feeble-minded, and three epileptic. The warden and matron receive a salary of $2,000.

Worthington.

(Visited August 6, 1896.)

This town supports two people in private families, — an insane woman boarding with a relative who receives $100 a year for her care, and a feeble-minded girl, for whom $2 a week is paid. Both receive satisfactory care and attention.

Wrentham.

(Visited March 27, 1896.)

A number of improvements have been made at this almshouse since the last report. Steam heat, a bath-room, a new windmill affording an excellent water supply, and an improved condition of the cellar, are among them. The management is not efficient, as shown in the dirty and disorderly condition of the house. Additional help should be furnished.

There are eleven inmates, including three children; two of them are insane and two feeble-minded. The warden and matron receive a salary of $300 per year. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Yarmouth.

(Visited October 22, 1896.)

This is an old almshouse, in fair repair, well kept, and homelike. There are no bathing facilities, and the house is heated by stoves. There is no separation of the sexes or of the sane from the insane.

There are eight inmates, among whom are six idiotic persons, and a girl, three years of age, the daughter of one of the idiots. The place is in charge of a matron who has served here many years, and receives $300 salary. Receipt of abstract of visitor's report not acknowledged.

Report of Special Visitor.

I hereby submit a report of my investigation into the condition of the insane and feeble-minded in the care of the cities and towns of this State. This work, which was begun March 1, includes visits to 1,547 cases, distributed among 244 cities and towns, as shown by Tables 1 and 2.

Although having organized institutions for the insane, the city of Boston has 93 defective cases in almshouse care, as shown by Table 3, and 80 of these are in association with the general population of their respective almshouses. These cases are in general well cared for and are either under medical management or subject to frequent medical visitation. The cases at the Marcella Street Home attend the schools with the other children. Those boarded out from this institution are in country homes, are generally well situated, and are visited regularly and frequently by the Superintendent of the Home and by a visitor from the Institutions Department of the city.

In 995 cases in cities and towns where no separate departments for the insane are maintained at the almshouses, individual case histories have been written. The previous history of many of these cases it has been impossible to obtain, but the prominent points in such information as was obtainable are set forth in Table 4.

Of the 595 insane cases included in this table, 292 have had hospital treatment; and it will be observed that 250 of these have been removed from the hospitals by the Overseers of the Poor. The cost to the towns of maintaining patients at the State hospitals is $3.25 per week, while the average weekly cost of maintenance of almshouse inmates for last year was $2.46 per capita. This difference of $0.79 in per capita support has been the stimulus for the removal of most of these cases from hospital treatment to the inferior care of the almshouses. As a rule, the provision made for these cases is sufficient to insure reasonable care. They are fed, lodged, and clothed with general sufficiency, but medical supervision is practically entirely lacking, and in many of the cases emergencies may be expected that medical custody would anticipate, and either avert or properly provide for. There is a general failure to supply for these cases the discipline in regular habits that is regarded as so valuable at the asylums for the chronic insane, and while 562 of the cases visited are found able to work, the work which they actually perform is in many cases very insignificant; and in many of the cases of women it amounts only to making a bed daily or the occasional sweeping of a room. But few of the class under consideration can be expected to be competent to carry on any kind of work independently, and the resources of the almshouses do not permit of the employment of sufficient attendants to supervise the performance of organized occupation.

It will be noticed by reference to Table 2 that seven cities beside Boston maintain separate departments for their insane in connection with their almshouses; 459 insane and feeble-minded persons were found so provided for. A better organization is maintained in this separate provision than is reached in the ordinary almshouse, and the mentally defective are under better discipline, and in general are better cared for, than they are in the cities and towns where no organized departments for the insane are maintained. These institutions have an organization inferior to State institutions; only a few persons are employed, and in but few of them is there any systematic employment of the inmates.

It has been gratifying to observe the evidences of improvement in the methods of caring for the insane. In many almshouses there are still to be found strong cages that were formerly used

for the close confinement of insane inmates. These have almost wholly gone into disuse, and but a small number of cases are subject to restraint or confinement. The latter number 51 altogether, as shown by Table 4. In but few of these is mechanical restraint resorted to, and in most cases where seclusion is required it is resorted to only in emergencies and employed for but short periods.

Illustrating what may be accomplished under intelligent management, I may cite the case of an insane man who was removed by the Overseers of the Poor from a State hospital to the town almshouse, where he had been kept for many years in apartments specially provided for his custody, and from which he was never allowed to go. Under a change of wardens, this man was in a few weeks enjoying the usual liberties of the almshouse premises, and, at his own solicitation, he was made a regular and intelligent worker on the farm.

In several cases where defective persons have been found improperly cared for, committals to State hospitals have been required, and the disposition of other cases is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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TABLE I. — *Number of Cases Visited, with Residence, Situation and Classification, in Cities and Towns having no Separate Provision for Insane.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Abington,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Acton,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Adams,	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Agawam,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Amesbury,	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Amherst,	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Andover,	2	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Arlington,	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Ashburnham,	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Ashby,	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
Ashland,	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	5
Athol,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Attleborough,	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ayer,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Barnstable,	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	7
Barre,	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4
Becket,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Bedford,	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Belchertown,	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Bellingham,	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Berkley,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Berlin,	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
Beverly,	5	6	4	3	-	-	-	-	18
Billerica,	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5
Blackstone,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Blandford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bolton,	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5
Boxford,	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Boylston,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Braintree,	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Brewster,	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5
Bridgewater,	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Brimfield,	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Brockton,	5	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
Brookfield,	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Buckland,	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Burlington,	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Cambridge,	3	20	1	2	-	-	1	-	27
Canton,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Carlisle,	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3
Charlemont,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Charlton,	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Chatham,	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	4
Chelmsford,	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Cheshire,	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Chesterfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Chicopee, . . .	3	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	8
Clinton, ...	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Cohasset, . . .	–	2	2	1	–	–	–	–	5
Conway, ...	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	2
Cummington, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	3
Dalton, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Dana, ...	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Dartmouth, . . .	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Dedham, ...	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Deerfield, . . .	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Dennis, ...	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	3
Douglas, ...	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	3
Dracut, ...	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Dudley, ...	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Duxbury, . . .	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	2
East Bridgewater, . .	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	2
Eastham, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Easthampton, . .	1	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Easton, ...	2	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	5
Edgartown, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Egremont, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Enfield, ...	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	2
Essex, ...	2	1	1	3	–	–	–	–	7
Fairhaven, . . .	2	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	3
Fall River, . . .	1	9	2	–	–	–	–	–	12
Falmouth, . . .	2	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	4
Fitchburg, . . .	10	11	4	1	–	–	–	–	26
Framingham, . . .	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Franklin, . . .	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	2
Freetown, . . .	–	–	1	4	–	–	–	–	5
Gardner, . . .	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
Georgetown, . . .	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Gloucester, . . .	5	5	2	2	–	–	–	–	14
Grafton, ...	–	–	1	1	–	2	–	–	4

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Granby,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Granville,	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2
Great Barrington,	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	2	5
Greenfield,	–	3	–	–	–	1	–	–	4
Greenwich,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Groton,	1	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	5
Groveland,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hanover,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Hanson,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hardwick,	3	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	4
Harvard,	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	3
Harwich,	–	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	4
Haverhill,	9	7	9	4	–	–	–	–	29
Hingham,	–	2	–	3	–	–	–	–	5
Holbrook,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Holden,	1	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	4
Holliston,	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	4
Holyoke,	11	20	1	–	–	–	–	–	32
Hopedale,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Hopkinton,	–	2	2	1	–	–	–	–	5
Hubbardston,	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	3
Hudson,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Ipswich,	4	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	8
Kingston,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Lancaster,	1	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	5
Lee,	1	1	1	2	–	1	–	–	6
Leicester,	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	4
Lenox,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Leominster,	3	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	6
Littleton,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Ludlow,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Lunenburg,	4	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	6
Malden,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Mansfield,	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	–	3

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	In Almshouses.				In Families.				Total.
	Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Marblehead,	2	2	2	3	–	–	–	–	9
Marion,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	2
Marlborough,	7	3	4	2	–	–	1	–	17
Mattapoisett,	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	3
Maynard,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Medford,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Medway,	1	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	6
Merrimac,	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2
Methuen,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Middleborough,	1	1	1	4	–	–	–	–	7
Milford,	2	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	5
Millbury,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Milton,	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	3
Monson,	3	1	1	2	–	–	1	–	8
Montague,	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2
Monterey,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Nantucket,	3	1	1	3	–	–	–	–	8
Natick,	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	2
New Ashford,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
New Bedford,	10	11	4	5	–	–	–	–	30
New Marlborough,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
New Salem,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Newbury,	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	3
Newburyport,	6	1	4	–	–	–	–	–	11
Newton,	1	3	1	2	–	–	–	–	7
North Adams,	3	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	7
North Andover,	2	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	5
North Attleborough,	–	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	4
North Brookfield,	1	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	4
North Reading,	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	3
Northampton,	2	13	2	1	–	–	–	–	18
Northborough,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Northfield,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Norton,	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2
Norwell,	1	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	4

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Oakham,	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Orange,	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	4
Oxford,	-	1	4	2	-	1	-	-	8
Palmer,	4	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	9
Paxton,	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Peabody,	1	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	8
Pembroke,	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pepperell,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Peru,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Petersham,	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Phillipston,	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pittsfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Plymouth,	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Provincetown,	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	4
Quincy,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Randolph,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Raynham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Reading,	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rehoboth,	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Rochester,	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	5
Rockland,	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Rockport,	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	5
Rowley,	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Sandisfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Sandwich,	6	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	14
Saugus,	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Savoy,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Seekonk,	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sheffield,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Shelburne,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sherborn,	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Shrewsbury,	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Shutesbury,	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	5
Somerset,	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Somerville,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

TABLE I. — *Continued.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Southborough,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Southbridge,	2	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	5
Southwick,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Spencer,	3	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	6
Sterling,	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	4
Stoneham,	–	1	3	–	–	–	–	–	4
Stoughton,	3	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	4
Stow,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Sturbridge,	2	1	–	2	–	–	–	–	5
Sudbury,	–	1	2	2	–	–	–	–	5
Sutton,	2	4	5	2	–	–	–	–	13
Swanzey,	–	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	4
Taunton,	3	2	2	1	–	–	–	–	8
Templeton,	1	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Tewksbury,	3	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	5
Tolland,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Townsend,	2	4	–	2	–	–	–	–	8
Tyngsborough,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Tyringham,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
Uxbridge,	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	3
Wakefield,	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	3
Wales,	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	3
Walpole,	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	3
Waltham,	8	9	1	1	–	1	–	–	20
Ware,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Wareham,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Warren,	1	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	4
Warwick,	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Watertown,	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2
Wayland,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Webster,	1	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	4
Wellesley,	–	3	–	1	–	–	–	–	4
Wendell,	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
West Boylston,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
West Bridgewater,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2

TABLE I. — *Concluded.*

TOWNS.	IN ALMSHOUSES.				IN FAMILIES.				Total.
	INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.		INSANE.		IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
West Brookfield,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
West Newbury,	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Westborough,	–	–	3	2	–	–	–	–	5
Westfield,	1	4	1	1	–	–	–	–	7
Westford,	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Westminster,	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Westport,	1	4	–	2	–	–	–	–	7
Weymouth,	4	1	4	1	1	–	–	–	11
Wilbraham,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Williamsburg,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Williamstown,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Wilmington,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Winchendon,	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	3
Woburn,	1	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	6
Worthington,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	2
Wrentham,	–	4	2	1	–	–	–	–	7
Yarmouth,	1	1	1	3	–	–	–	–	6
Total,	246	307	179	170	10	32	23	28	995
SUMMARY BY COUNTIES.									
Barnstable,	10	9	10	21	–	–	1	1	52
Berkshire,	4	3	2	3	3	7	5	14	41
Bristol,	24	34	18	20	–	–	1	1	98
Dukes,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Essex,	47	33	32	23	–	5	1	1	142
Franklin,	6	12	5	4	–	2	3	1	33
Hampden,	25	35	4	5	1	5	2	3	80
Hampshire,	4	19	3	2	–	4	3	4	39
Middlesex,	46	63	34	32	1	1	2	1	180
Nantucket,	3	1	1	3	–	–	–	–	8
Norfolk,	11	20	16	10	1	–	2	–	60
Plymouth,	14	24	10	13	1	1	1	1	65
Suffolk,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Worcester,	52	54	44	34	3	7	2	–	196
Total,	246	307	179	170	10	32	23	28	995

TABLE II. — *Insane, Idiots and Imbeciles in Cities which maintain Separate Departments for the Insane.*

TOWNS.	In Almshouses.				In Families.				Total.
	Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Boston, ...	15	35	21	9	–	–	8	5	93
Lawrence, . . .	18	44	1	1	–	–	–	–	64
Lowell, ...	30	68	1	3	–	–	–	–	102
Lynn, ...	17	2	5	5	–	–	–	–	29
Pittsfield, . . .	12	6	4	2	–	–	–	–	24
Salem, ...	21	31	8	7	–	–	–	–	67
Springfield, . . .	34	42	2	4	–	–	–	–	82
Worcester, . . .	34	50	5	2	–	–	–	–	91
Total, . . .	181	278	47	33	–	–	8	5	552

TABLE III. — *Insane, Idiots and Imbeciles maintained by Almshouses in Boston.*

	In Almshouses.				In Families.				Total.
	Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Long Island Almshouse,	11	21	9	3	–	–	–	–	44
Charlestown Almshouse,	4	14	1	1	–	–	–	–	20
Marcella Street Home, .	–	–	11	5	–	–	8	5	29
Total, . . .	15	35	21	9	–	–	8	5	93

TABLE IV. — *Table showing Situation, Classification and Condition of Insane, Idiots and Imbeciles in Cities and Towns which maintain no Separate Departments for Insane.*

	Insane.		Idiotic and Imbecile.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
In almshouses,	246	307	179	168	900
In private families,	10	32	23	30	95
American born,	96	106	186	187	575
Foreign born,	57	129	12	7	205
Duration of disease, Less than 1 year,	6	7	–	–	13
Duration of disease, From 1 to 5 years,	72	68	–	–	140
Duration of disease, More than 5 years,	169	266	–	–	435
Disease congenital,	–	–	153	168	321
Disease acquired,	–	–	41	33	74
Heredity traced or probable,	44	56	80	92	272
Have had hospital treatment,	130	162	10	9	311
Removed from hospitals by Overseers of Poor,	112	138	7	9	266
Been in schools or reformatory institutions,	–	–	17	16	33
Present Condition.					
Able to work,	139	185	122	116	562
Epileptic,	12	20	26	17	75
Paralytic,	16	18	7	9	50
Violent or noisy,	29	82	23	24	158
Of uncleanly habits,	49	49	57	42	197
Requiring restraint or seclusion,	13	26	9	3	51
Properly cared for,	218	306	166	160	850
Improperly cared for,	38	33	36	38	145
A. Air space at night less than 500 cubic feet,	28	24	27	26	105
B. Bedding and clothing unsuitable or unclean,	20	13	21	14	68
C. Food unsuitable or improperly served,	4	5	6	7	22

Relief of Small Towns in the Support of their Insane.

Under the Act of 1892, providing that towns having a taxable valuation of less than $500,000 may be partly or wholly reimbursed for the support of their insane in the State Hospitals, forty-seven towns, viz.: Becket, Berlin, Bernardston, Boxborough, Charlemont, Chesterfield, Cummington, Erving, Florida, Granby, Granville, Greenwich, Halifax, Hampden, Heath, Holland, Leverett, Leyden, Mashpee, Middlefield, Monroe, Monterey, Montgomery, New Salem, Pelham, Peru, Phillipston, Plainfield, Prescott, Richmond, Rowe, Sandisfield, Savoy, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Tolland, Truro, Tyngsborough, Tyringham, Wales, Warwick, Washington, Wendell, Westhampton, Whately, Windsor, and Worthington, are now receiving relief in this way. The law leaves it to the Governor and Council to determine what proportion of the expense incurred shall be reimbursed; and, by their ruling, all towns having a valuation of less than $200,000 are allowed their expenses in full, while the amount repaid for those of a higher valuation varies according to considerations both of valuation and of tax-rate. The whole sum actually paid back to the towns during the last official year was $10,578.94, as against $7,935.63 the previous year, $6,552.13 two years ago, and $4,825.75 three years ago.

The Board's Finances.

The following table shows the Legislative appropriations for expenses under the direction of the Board for the calendar year 1895, the expenses for the same year, the appropriations for the year 1896, and the estimates for the year 1897. The expenses for the year 1896 are not completed, and cannot now be given, but excepting in the cases of the care and maintenance of indigent and neglected children, and the support of pauper infants, they will probably not exceed the appropriations.

	Appropriations. 1895.	Expenses. 1895.	Appropriations. 1896.	Estimates. 1897.
Expenses of the Board, including travelling and other expenses of the members, and salaries and expenses in the Office of the Clerk and Auditor,	$4,750 00	$4,729 04	$5,000 00	$5,000 00
Salaries and expenses in the Department of In-Door Poor,	47,000 00	46,434 65	40,000 00	40,000 00
Salaries and expenses in the Department of Out-Door Poor,	24,000 00	23,999 57	24,300 00	25,000 00
Salaries and expenses in the Department of Inspector of Institutions,	10,500 00	10,285 18	12,000 00	11,000 00
Travelling and other necessary expenses of Auxiliary Visitors,	1,500 00	1,357 93	1,500 00	1,500 00
Transportation of State Paupers,	20,000 00	16,373 45	20,000 00	20,000 00
Support and relief of State Paupers in State Lunatic Hospitals and Asylums, and of State lunatic paupers boarded in families, and reimbursement of towns for paupers supported in State Lunatic Hospitals, etc.,	180,000 00	183,357 64*	190,000 00	200,000 00
Expenses attending the management of cases of settlement and bastardy,	1,000 00	227 56	1,000 00	-
Care and maintenance of indigent and neglected children and juvenile offenders,	65,000 00	63,297 83	80,000 00	88,000 00
Education and instruction in public schools of indigent and neglected children and juvenile offenders,	-	-	-	12,000 00
Support of State paupers in the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, and the Hospital Cottages for Children,	10,000 00	8,598 23	10,000 00	8,500 00
Support of sick State Paupers, and cases of wife-settlement, by cities and towns,	70,000 00	69,999 79	65,000 00	87,300 00
Burial of State Paupers by cities and towns,	8,000 00	7,999 70	10,000 00	10,000 00
Temporary aid for State paupers and shipwrecked seamen by cities and towns,	40,000 00	39,999 50	20,000 00	40,000 00
Support of State pauper infants,	25,000 00	24,999 83	25,000 00	29,000 00
Expenses incurred in connection with small-pox and other diseases dangerous to the public health,	5,000 00	4,999 56	3,000 00	3,000 00
	$511,750 00	$506,659 46	$506,800 00	$580,300 00

* Deficiency.

The expenses for the official year, — October 1, 1895, to September 30, 1896, — were as follows: —

Expenses of Board,	$4,601 74
Department of In-Door Poor,	36,906 13
Department of Out-Door Poor,	23,373 05
Department of Inspector of Institutions,	11,729 93
Auxiliary Visitors,	1,224 04
Transportation of State Paupers,	19,061 85
State Lunatic Hospitals, etc.,	189,053 76
Settlement and Bastardy,	991 52
Indigent and Neglected Children, etc.,	80,326 60
Support of Feeble-Minded, etc.,	8,368 19
Support of Sick State Paupers,	71,916 75
Burial of State Paupers,	7,950 88
Temporary Aid of State Paupers,	19,877 77
Support of Pauper Infants,	27,663 21
Dangerous Diseases,	3,993 70
Total,	$507,039 12

DETAILS.

EXPENSES OF THE BOARD.

Salaries:	
John D. Wells, *Clerk of the Board*,	$2,200 00
Henry J. Jenner, *Assistant*,	400 00
	$2,600 00
Travelling expenses of members,	1,004 10
Printing,	148 98
Stationery,	241 38
Postage, telegrams, messenger service, etc.,	264 55
Publications,	160 58
Extra service and miscellaneous expenses,	182 15
Total,	$4,601 74

DEPARTMENT OF IN-DOOR POOR.

Salaries:	
Stephen C. Wrightington, *Superintendent*,	$3,200 00
Central Division.	
Joshua F. Lewis, M.D., *Deputy Superintendent*,	1,800 00
Henry H. Fairbanks, *Clerk*,	*1,175 00
Thomas M. Doane, *Transportation Officer*,	1,000 00
Amount carried forward,	$7,175 00

* Rate, $1,200.

Amount brought forward,	$7,175 00
Emma T. Cornish, *Transportation Officer,*	700 00
Emma S. Wiley, *Clerk,*	*975 00
Charles A. Colcord, *Settlement Clerk,*	1,200 00
William H. Brown, *Clerk,*	†435 48
Edward F. Morgan, *Clerk,*	*931 19
Berndt F. Heurlin, *Clerk,*	‡385 00
Patrick Glynn, *Messenger,*	§753 34
Annette E. Barnes, *Clerk,*	600 00
Mary J. Breslin, *Clerk,*	‖656 18

Division of Visitation.

Bertha W. Jacobs, *Deputy Superintendent,*	¶1,425 00
George H. Hull, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Charles K. Morton, *Visitor,*	1,200 00
Thomas P. Bagley, *Visitor,*	1,200 00
Frederick G. Southmayd, *Visitor,*	1,200 00
G. Frederick Davis, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Edward W. Bowker, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
William W. Foster, *Visitor,*	†666 67
David Walker, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Nathan Coe, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Henry L. Gardner, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Mary S. Beale, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
E. Mabel Tyler, *Visitor,*	700 00
Lucy B. Hancock, *Visitor,*	800 00
Adelaide I. Smith, *Visitor,*	**708 06
Alice A. Page, *Visitor,*	600 00
Ellen L. Lynch, *Clerk,*	600 00
Lilla D. Baker, *Clerk,*	700 00
Annie A. McBride, *Clerk,*	700 00
Annie E. Hancock, *Visitor,*	††325 81
Katherine A. McMahon, *Clerk,*	‡37 09
Mary Agnes Perrault, *Visitor,*	††325 81
Total salaries,	$31,999 63
Printing,	52 10
Stationery,	803 56
Postage, expressage, telegrams and telephone,	1,062 77
Publications,	263 14
Extra service and miscellaneous expenses,	320 38
Travelling and other expenses of Superintendent,	640 25
Amount carried forward,	$35,141 83

* Rate, $1,000.
† Part of the year; rate, $1,000.
‡ Temporary service.
§ Rate, $800.
‖ Rate, $700.
¶ Rate, $1,500.
** Rate, $799.
†† Par of the year; rate, $600.

Amount brought forward,		$35,141 83
Travelling expenses:		
Joshua F. Lewis,	$1,103 62	
Emma S. Wiley,	24 21	
William H. Brown,	394 37	
Edward F. Morgan,	242 10	
		1,764 30
Total Department of In-Door Poor,		$36,906 13

DEPARTMENT OF OUT-DOOR POOR.

Salaries:	
Henry Stone, *Superintendent,*	*$745 97
William P. Derby, M.D., *Superintendent,*	*1,069 44
George B. Tufts, *Deputy Superintendent,*	1,800 00
Edwin F. Cummings, M D., *Medical Visitor,*	1,500 00
Sarah M. Crawford, M.D., *Medical Visitor,*	1,500 00
Edward I. White, *Visitor,*	1,400 00
Frederick A. Burt, *Visitor,*	1,400 00
Willard D. Tripp, *Visitor,*	†1,275 00
Henry D. Hawkes, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Benjamin W. Peck, *Visitor,*	‡1,175 00
William J. Hinchcliffe, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Harry H. Pray, *Visitor,*	1,000 00
Robina A. Morison, *Clerk,*	§666 66
Annie F. Merrill, *Clerk,*	‖675 00
Georgiana C. Faden, *Clerk,*	600 00
Eleanor A. Eames, *Clerk,*	700 00
Katherine A. Kiley, *Clerk,*	600 00
Emma W. Kelley, *Clerk,*	600 00
Nellie R. Bray, *Clerk,*	¶100 00
Total salaries,	$18,807 07
Printing,	540 10
Stationery,	396 12
Postage, expressage, telegrams and telephone,	423 99
Publications,	34 25
Extra service and miscellaneous expenses,	351 80
Amount carried forward,	$20,553 33

* Part of the year; rate, $2,500.
† Rate, $1,300.
‡ Rate, $1,200.
§ Part of the year; rate, $800.
‖ Rate, $700.
¶ Temporary service.

Amount brought forward,		$20,553 33
Visitors' travelling expenses:		
Edwin F. Cummings,	$30 00	
Edward I. White,	497 00	
Willard D. Tripp,	354 50	
Henry D. Hawkes,	425 00	
Benjamin W. Peck,	513 80	
William J. Hinchcliffe,	241 69	
Frederick A. Burt,	448 58	
Harry H. Pray,	309 15	
		2,819 72
Total Department of Out-Door Poor,		$23,373 05

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTOR OF INSTITUTIONS.

Salaries:	
Charles E. Woodbury, M.D., *Inspector,*	*$2,937 50
Henry C. Prentiss, M.D., *Deputy Inspector,*	1,800 00
Henry A. Purdie, *Clerk,*	1,000 00
Sarah Chapman, *Clerk,*	800 00
Mabel E. Bacon, *Visitor,*	†675 00
Sadie L. Powers, *Clerk,*	600 00
Mabel L. Clark, *Visitor,*	‡60 00
Lowell F. Wentworth, M.D., *Visitor,*	‡700 00
Esther E. Elwell, *Clerk,*	‡100 00
Total salaries,	$8,672 50
Printing,	294 11
Stationery,	106 00
Postage, expressage, telegrams and telephone,	169 22
Publications,	30 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	191 60

Travelling expenses:		
Inspector,	$510 40	
Deputy Inspector,	149 73	
Henry A. Purdie,	68 36	
Mabel E. Bacon,	637 76	
Mabel L Clark,	103 78	
Lowell F. Wentworth,	575 65	
		2,045 68
Miscellaneous expenses on account of insane boarded out,		220 82
Total Department of Inspector of Institutions,		$11,729 93

* Rate, $3,000. † Rate, $700. ‡ Temporary service.

AUXILIARY VISITORS.

Travelling and other expenses,	$1,224 04

TRANSPORTATION OF STATE PAUPERS.

Travelling expenses of officers:	
Thomas M. Doane,	$932 95
Emma T. Cornish,	573 74
William H. Brown,	42 52
Charles E. Colcord,	94 17
Edward F. Morgan,	6 79
	$1,650 17
Foreign fares,	8,601 30
Inland fares,	4,703 26
Carriage and express,	1,310 91
Food and lodging,	810 53
Assistance and miscellaneous expenses,	1,664 50
Transportation to State Almshouse,	321 18
Total,	$19,061 85

STATE LUNATIC HOSPITALS, ETC.

Support of State Patients:	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	$27,834 05
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	28,043 21
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	44,595 36
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	14,058 25
Worcester Insane Asylum,	20,003 49
Westborough Insane Hospital,	24,443 43
Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates,	12,187 24
Medfield Insane Asylum,	1,526 00
	$172,691 03
Insane boarded out,	5,783 79
Reimbursement of towns,	10,578 94
Total,	$189,053 76

SETTLEMENT AND BASTARDY.

Legal and other expenses,	$991 52

INDIGENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, ETC.

Board, clothing, etc.,	$64,182 63
Mrs. Bean's,	3,422 89
Mrs. White's,	3,116 74
Amount carried forward,	$70,722 26

Amount brought forward,		$70,722 26
Travelling expenses of visitors:		
Bertha W. Jacobs,	$66 23	
George H. Hull,	365 52	
Charles K. Morton,	921 00	
Thomas P. Bagley,	406 17	
Frederick G. Southmayd,	683 08	
Mary S. Beale,	571 22	
Lacy B. Hancock,	583 76	
Alice A. Page,	702 31	
G. Frederick Davis,	640 33	
Edward W. Bowker,	133 13	
Adelaide I. Smith,	740 19	
William W. Foster,	407 30	
E. Mabel Tyler,	214 68	
Ellen L. Lynch,	87 44	
David Walker,	777 16	
Nathan Coe,	917 27	
Henry L. Gardner,	923 36	
Mary Agnes Perrault,	337 37	
Annie E. Hancock,	126 82	
		9,604 34
Total,		$80,326 60

SUPPORT OF FEEBLE-MINDED, ETC.

Custodial cases in Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded,	6,920 62
Cases in Hospital Cottages for Children,	1,447 57
Total,	$8,368 19

SUPPORT OF SICK STATE PAUPERS.

City and town bills of 1891,	$9 86
" " " 1892,	365 65
" " " 1893,	2,599 34
" " " 1894,	4,613 14
" " " 1895,	57,002 80
" " " 1896,	7,325 96
Total,	$71,916 75

BURIAL OF STATE PAUPERS.

City and town bills of 1891,	$7 00
" " " 1892,	162 95
" " " 1893,	287 30
" " " 1894,	398 30
" " " 1895,	4,997 28
" " " 1896,	2,098 05
Total,	$7,950 88

TEMPORARY AID OF STATE PAUPERS.

City and town bills of 1891,	$20 00
" " " 1892,	45 50
" " " 1893,	326 24
" " " 1894,	2,694 87
" " " 1895,	10,614 79
" " " 1896,	692 09
	$14,393 49
Foreign fares,	3,896 43
Inland fares,	1,132 41
Carriage and express,	289 64
Food and lodging,	100 53
Miscellaneous,	65 27
Total,	$19,877 77

PAUPER INFANTS.

Board of infants,		$22,831 59
Medicine, medical attendance, clothing, etc.,		3,139 50
Expenses of nursery,		955 78
Travel of Visitors:		
Sarah M. Crawford,	$544 49	
Edwin F. Cummings,	191 85	
		736 34
Total,		$27,663 21

DANGEROUS DISEASES.

City and town bills of 1893,	$39 03
" " " 1894,	461 77
" " " 1895,	3,431 90
" " " 1896,	61 00
Total,	$3,993 70

The above details may be classified as follows: —

Salaries,	$62,079 20
Travelling expenses,	21,656 81
Printing,	1,032 79
Stationery,	1,529 16
Other office expenses,	3,354 93
Support of State Wards,	98,592 68
Transportation,	17,411 68
Support of Insane and Feeble-Minded,	197,642 77
Support of State Out-Door Poor,	103,739 10
	$507,039 12

It should be noted that, in regard to the last two items of expenditure in this classification, amounting to $301,-381.87, the function of the Board is simply to ascertain whether the persons to whom payment is made are properly chargeable to the State, and also whether the charges are within the amount fixed by law; and that it is only the remaining expenses, amounting to $205,657.27, which are actually within the Board's control.

Under the law authorizing advances to the disbursing officer of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, the Clerk has received from the State Treasurer during the past official year, and advanced from time to time, to visitors and other agents of the Board, for travelling, transportation, and other necessary expenses, the sum of $31,985.00, all of which has been accounted for in detail to the State Auditor, as a part of the Board's audit.

It is to be added that the Board has received, during the year, in the way of repayment from sundry towns and individuals, as follows: —

On account of, —	
Sick State Poor,	$30 00
Temporary Aid,	2 10
Pauper Infants,	697 74

There has also been received: —

From the United States for reimbursement of immigration expenses,	$1,839 40
From certain Steamship Companies for the support of alien immigrants,	400 67
Making a total of,	$2,969 91

This has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and should be credited to the Board's account, although not available for the Board's use.

Immigration.

Under the contract entered into between the State Board of Lunacy and Charity and the Treasury Department of the United States March 28, 1894, and still in force, the State

is reimbursed for the support of such alien immigrants as have fallen into serious distress within one year after their landing. Until last June such reimbursement has been allowed only from the date of verification and full notification in each case, but an appeal to the Commissioner General of Immigration at that time secured a construction of the contract under which reimbursement is allowed from the date of first notification, however incomplete, if it subsequently proves to be an accepted case, under the Act of 1882, and the rules of the Immigration Bureau.

The following immigration statistics have been obtained from the office of the Commissioner of Immigration for Massachusetts.

Arrivals at the Ports of Massachusetts from Foreign Ports for the Year ending September 30, 1896.

Nationality of Vessels.	Number of Vessels.	Number of Passengers.	Number Barred from landing.	Number of Deaths.
British,	717	55,494	139	1
American,	45	2,696	5	–
Others,	27	451	16	–
Total,	789	58,641	160	1

Classification of Passengers arriving at the Ports of Massachusetts from Foreign Ports for the Year ending September 30, 1896.

Aliens from Transatlantic Ports,	18,511
Aliens from Dominion of Canada,	19,009
American Citizens from Dominion of Canada,	12,378
American Citizens from Transatlantic Ports,	2,759
Tourists and visitors from Transatlantic Ports,	219
Cattlemen from Transatlantic Ports,	5,605
Barred from landing from Transatlantic Ports,	118
Barred from landing from Dominion of Canada,	42
Total,	58,641

Classification of Passengers arriving at the Port of Boston from Transatlantic Ports for the Year ending September 30, 1896.

Steerage,	15,593
Intermediate,	2,970
Cabin,	2,769
Cattlemen,	5,605
Stowaways,	180
Total,	27,117

Immigration at the Port of Boston from Transatlantic Ports for the Year ending September 30, 1896.

NATIONALITY.	IMMIGRANTS.							
	TOTAL.	SEX.		AGE.			RELIEVED.	
		Males.	Females.	Under 15 years.	15 to 40.	40 and over.	In hospital.	Other than hospital.
Europe.								
Austria-Hungary:								
Bohemia and Moravia,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Galicia and Bukowina,	20	13	7	5	15	–	–	–
Other Austria,	53	34	19	12	33	8	–	–
Hungary,	16	7	9	5	9	2	–	–
Belgium,	4	1	3	1	3	–	–	–
Denmark,	61	37	24	5	49	7	–	–
France (including Corsica),	35	18	17	2	28	5	–	–
Germany,	82	56	26	10	60	12	–	–
Greece,	5	5	–	–	5	–	–	–
Italy,	21	17	4	1	17	3	–	–
Netherlands,	10	6	4	4	4	2	–	–
Norway,	756	488	268	74	607	75	–	–
Portugal,	11	7	4	2	8	1	–	–
Roumania,	8	1	7	2	3	3	–	–
Russia (proper),	588	315	273	200	338	50	3	–
Finland,	979	612	367	77	848	54	3	–
Poland,	15	9	6	2	13	–	–	–
Spain,	9	9	–	–	9	–	–	–
Sweden,	2,198	1,138	1,060	197	1,853	148	6	–
Switzerland,	3	1	2	–	1	2	–	–
Turkey in Europe,	11	8	3	1	8	2	–	–
United Kingdom:								
England,	3,577	1,701	1,876	732	2,149	696	7	–
Ireland,	8,717	3,686	5,031	532	7,563	622	48	1
Scotland,	940	410	530	219	551	170	1	–
Wales,	37	23	14	3	29	5	–	–
Not specified,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Europe,	18,156	8,602	9,554	2,086	14,203	1,867	68	1

Mexico,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec and Ontario,	29	18	11	-	-	21	8	-	-	-	-	-
Manitoba,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia,	9	4	5	2	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick,	3	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland and Labrador,	26	16	10	6	-	17	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total British North American Possessions,	67	38	29	8	-	44	15	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba,	9	6	3	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other West Indies,	30	18	12	3	-	22	5	-	-	-	-	-
South America,	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey in Asia (Arabia and Syria),	7	4	3	2	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Islands not specified,	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Africa,	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia,	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	51	33	18	9	-	33	9	-	-	-	-	-
Grand total,	18,274	8,673	9,601	2,103	14,230	1,891	63	1				

Immigration at the Port of Boston from Transatlantic Ports, etc. — Concluded.

NATIONALITY.	IMMIGRANTS.									
	DEBARRED.				ILLITERACY OF PERSONS OVER 14 YEARS.		NO. OF PERSONS OVER 20 YEARS BRINGING —		Total amount of money brought.	Returned within one year after landing.
	Assisted Immigrants.	Insane persons.	Paupers or likely to become a public charge.	Contract laborers.	Cannot write.	Can neither read nor write.	$30 or over.	Less than $30.		
Europe.										
Austria-Hungary:										
Bohemia and Moravia,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Galica and Bukowina,	–	–	–	–	–	8	1	10	$155	–
Other Austria,	–	–	–	–	–	12	6	17	1,750	–
Hungary,	–	–	–	–	–	4	1	9	113	–
Belgium,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	60	–
Denmark,	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	27	1,350	–
France (including Corsica),	–	–	2	–	–	–	13	8	1,461	–
Germany,	–	1	5	–	–	4	16	32	812	–
Greece,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	5	70	–
Italy,	–	–	–	–	–	4	7	10	435	–
Netherlands,	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	340	–
Norway,	–	–	–	–	3	7	64	461	7,968	1
Portugal,	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	4	368	–
Roumania,	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	27	–
Russia (proper),	–	–	14	–	1	116	28	200	3,335	–
Finland,	–	–	2	1	117	37	69	772	12,374	–
Poland,	–	–	–	–	–	5	1	7	148	–
Spain,	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	–	545	–
Sweden,	–	–	–	–	6	6	206	1,433	22,920	3
Switzerland,	–	–	2	–	–	–	1	2	120	–
Turkey in Europe,	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	5	173	–
United Kingdom:										
England,	2	1	39	1	28	108	288	865	27,469	2
Ireland,	–	2	26	–	49	508	587	4,784	82,943	11
Scotland,	–	–	7	–	9	8	129	350	10,098	–
Wales,	–	–	1	–	–	1	9	18	678	–
Not specified,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Europe,	2	4	99	2	213	830	1,454	9,025	$175,712	17

Mexico,	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	9	-	$430	2	
Quebec and Ontario,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manitoba,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	210	1	
Nova Scotia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30	-	
New Brunswick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Prince Edward Island,	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	10	-	415	1	
Newfoundland and Labrador,												
Total British North American Possessions,	-	-	5	-	-	-	21	21	-	1,085	4	
Cuba,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	130	-	
Other West Indies,	-	-	4	-	-	-	18	8	-	745	-	
South America,	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	30	-	
Turkey in Asia (Arabia and Syria),	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	125	-	
Pacific Islands, not specified,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	25	-	
Africa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	
Japan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Australia,	-	-	1	7	-	-	1	1	-	60	-	
Total,	-	-	6	-	-	-	23	12	-	1,125	-	
Grand total,	2	4	110	2	213	830	1,498	9,058		$177,922	21	

Destination of Immigrants arriving at Boston.

States and Territories.	Males.	Females.
North Atlantic Division.		
Maine,	145	185
New Hampshire,	152	242
Vermont,	31	32
Massachusetts,	5,786	7,344
Rhode Island,	463	588
Connecticut,	69	39
New York,	740	471
New Jersey,	29	15
Pennsylvania,	178	80
Total,	7,593	8,996
South Atlantic Division.		
Delaware,	1	1
Maryland,	8	3
District of Columbia,	1	-
Virginia,	8	4
West Virginia,	2	-
North Carolina,	-	-
South Carolina,	-	-
Georgia,	1	1
Florida,	1	-
Total,	22	9
North Central Division.		
Ohio,	73	24
Indiana,	14	4
Illinois,	306	208
Michigan,	150	57
Wisconsin,	81	46
Minnesota,	196	123
Iowa,	46	22
Missouri,	5	5
North Dakota,	40	17
South Dakota,	13	12
North Central Division—Concluded.		
Nebraska,	14	11
Kansas,	8	1
Total,	946	530
South Central Division.		
Kentucky,	6	-
Tennessee,	-	-
Alabama,	8	3
Mississippi,	-	-
Louisiana,	-	-
Texas,	4	5
Oklahoma,	1	-
Arkansas,	-	-
Total,	19	8
Western Division.		
Montana,	7	7
Wyoming,	6	6
Colorado,	36	18
New Mexico,	-	-
Arizona,	-	-
Utah,	3	2
Nevada,	2	-
Idaho,	-	-
Washington,	7	3
Oregon,	2	-
California,	30	22
Total,	93	58
Recapitulation.		
North Atlantic Division,	7,593	8,996
South Atlantic Division,	22	9
North Central Division,	946	530
South Central Division,	19	8
Western Division,	93	58
Total,	8,673	9,601

Occupations of Immigrants arriving at Boston.

	Males.	Females.
Professional.		
Actors,	-	2
Artists,	9	1
Clergy,	29	1
Editors,	4	-
Engravers,	1	-
Lawyers,	4	-
Musicians,	12	1
Physicians,	15	1
Sculptors,	4	-
Teachers,	15	22
All others, not specified,	-	15
Total professional,	93	43
Skilled.		
Accountants,	-	-
Bakers,	43	-
Barbers and hairdressers,	7	1
Blacksmiths,	52	-
Brewers,	1	-
Butchers,	35	-
Cabinet-makers,	11	-
Carpenters and joiners,	132	-
Clerks,	229	28
Coopers,	5	-
Dressmakers,	2	163
Engineers,	62	-
Gardeners,	43	-
Glaziers,	1	-
Iron workers,	59	-
Jewellers,	10	1
Locksmiths,	-	-
Machinists,	110	-
Mariners,	157	-
Masons,	51	-
Mechanics, not specified,	-	-
Millers,	8	-
Miners,	51	-
Painters,	43	-
Plasterers,	2	-
Plumbers,	25	-
Printers,	26	5
Saddlers and harnessmakers,	8	-
Skilled — Concluded.		
Seamstresses,	-	34
Shoemakers,	54	3
Spinners,	84	74
Stonecutters,	-	-
Tailors,	46	15
Tanners and curriers,	4	-
Tinners,	6	-
Tobacco manufacturers,	1	2
Watch and clock makers,	-	-
Weavers,	150	273
Wheelwrights,	-	-
All others, not specified,	32	42
Total skilled,	1,550	641
Miscellaneous.		
Agents, factors,	32	-
Bankers,	2	-
Cooks,	17	63
Farmers,	353	-
Grocers,	14	-
Hotel-keepers,	3	-
Laborers,	5,239	-
Merchant dealers,	122	-
Servants,	92	5,631
Shepherds,	7	-
All others, not stated,	-	-
Total miscellaneous,	5,881	5,694
Not stated,	110	221
No occupation, including women and children,	1,039	3,002
Total,	1,149	3,223
RECAPITULATION.		
Professional,	93	43
Skilled,	1,550	641
Miscellaneous,	5,881	5,694
Not stated,	110	221
No occupation,	1,039	3,002
Total,	8,673	9,601

In addition to the above, 19 alien immigrants who arrived at the ports of New York and Philadelphia were returned to

the countries from whence they came. In addition to the above, 2 males were relieved in hospital who landed at the port of Philadelphia, and 36 males and 22 females who landed at the port of New York.

Of the 118 aliens debarred from landing, 98 were males, 20 females. Of the 21 returned within a year, 11 were males, 10 females. There were also 42 aliens debarred from the Dominion of Canada, of whom 27 were contract laborers, one was insane, and 14 were likely to become public charges.

Statistics of Immigration at the Port of New Bedford during the Year.

The whole number of passengers arriving was 247. Of these, 236 were taxable alien immigrants, — 235 Portuguese, and one English. Of the 236, 152 were males, 84 females; 15 were under fifteen years of age, 188 between fifteen and forty, and 33 over forty. Their destination was as follows: California 9, Rhode Island 50, Connecticut 14, New York 3, Pennsylvania one, Massachusetts 159. Their occupations: farmers 7, laborers 37, domestics 17, mariners 97, seamstresses 27, dressmakers one, no occupation 50.

Statistics of Immigration at the Port of Gloucester during the Year.

The whole number of passengers arriving was 48. Of these, one was a taxable male immigrant, native of Italy, between the age of fifteen and forty. Destination, Massachusetts. Occupation, mariner.

The amount of Head Money collected at the Ports of Massachusetts during the year was as follows: —

BOSTON.

1895.	
October,	$2,009 00
November,	720 00
December,	596 00
1896.	
January,	24 00
February,	133 00
March,	587 00
April,	3,323 00
Amount carried forward,	$7,392 00

Amount brought forward,	$7,392 00
1896.	
May,	4,887 00
June,	1,854 00
July,	1,426 00
August,	1,301 00
September,	1,751 00
1895-96.	
New Bedford,	236 00
Gloucester,	1 00
	$18,848 00

The following statement shows the number of alien immigrants arriving at the port of Boston from transatlantic ports in each official year from May 10, 1848, when State supervision began, to the close of the last official year, September 30, 1895 : —

1848,	13,927	1874,	20,223
1849,	29,518	1875,	13,468
1850,	24,739	1876,	8,118
1851,	23,307	1877,	5,765
1852,	19,618	1878,	6,471
1853,	21,206	1879,	10,895
1854,	24,229	1880,	33,626
1855,	14,408	1881,	43,642
1856,	14,022	1882,	52,416
1857,	12,536	1883,	42,384
1858,	4,551	1884,	30,030
1859,	7,096	1885,	19,929
1860,	7,874	1886,	28,512
1861,	5,091	1887,	40,415
1862,	2,196	1888,	43,351
1863,	5,316	1889,	33,979
1864,	5,830	1890,	30,802
1865,	7,057	1891,	31,556
1866,	11,527	1892,	31,234
1867,	11,266	1893,	28,143
1868,	15,128	1894,	14,673
1869,	26,414	1895,	23,508
1870,	30,069	1896,	18,274
1871,	22,904		
1872,	25,957	Total,	1,028,242
1873,	31,042		

Statement furnished by the United States Treasury Department, showing Collections and Disbursements at the Ports of Massachusetts, on Account of Expenses of Regulating Immigration during Each Fiscal Year, from August 3, 1883, to June 30, 1893, and to October 1, 1896.

		1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
Boston,	Collections,	$20,452 00	$17,526 50	$9,468 50	$12,529 50	$18,409 50	$22,819 00	$17,818 50	$13,030 00
	Disbursements,	152 00	10,661 39	3,340 20	12,703 30	12,085 67	19,171 26	17,425 16	26,276 77
Barnstable,	Collections,	–	–	34 50	24 50	25 50	30 00	32 00	24 50
Edgartown,	Collections,	5 50	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gloucester,	Collections,	42 00	74 50	2 00	–	–	–	–	1 00
Marblehead,	Collections,	12 00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
New Bedford,	Collections,	133 50	187 50	190 50	174 50	–	399 00	306 00	241 00
Salem and Beverly,	Collections,	5 50	3 50	–	–	–	–	–	–

Statement furnished by the United States Treasury Department, showing Collections and Disbursements, etc. — Concluded.

		1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	To October 1, 1896.	Totals.	Balances.
Boston,	Collections,	$17,642 50	$16,488 50	$14,863 00	$8,813 00	$18,296 50	$21,995 00	$4,583 00	$234,735 00	–
	Disbursements,	29,080 77	8,617 76	9,042 99	6,948 55	9,159 05	9,657 38	2,862 79	177,185 04	$57,549 96
Barnstable,	Collections,	5 00	18 50	15 50	7 50	50 00	–	–	267 50	267 50
Edgartown,	Collections,	–	–	4 00	–	–	–	–	9 50	9 50
Gloucester,	Collections,	2 00	7 00	13 50	7 00	4 50	7 00	–	160 50	160 50
Marblehead,	Collections,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12 00	12 00
New Bedford,	Collections,	475 50	341 50	121 50	92 50	319 00	207 00	33 00	3,222 00	3,222 00
Salem and Beverly,	Collections,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9 00	9 00

Proceedings of the Board.

The Board here presents a summary of its official proceedings from the time of issuing the last Annual Report.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, January 4, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to the buildings of the Medfield Insane Asylum, the Westborough Insane Hospital, and the private asylum of Dr. Selling.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy; Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendation adopted, ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Westborough Insane Hospital until farther order.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge of inmates of the State Farm, and children in the custody of the Board.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of the Clerk and Auditor.

Voted, That a special visitor be appointed in the Department of the Inspector of Institutions, to investigate the condition and treatment of the insane and feeble-minded in the city and town almshouses.

Action on the matter of diphtheria at the Lyman School.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, February 1, 1896.

Report of Executive Committee: Appointment of William W. Foster as visitor in the Department of In-Door Poor, and assignment of Charles K. Morton as visitor-at-large in the same Department.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing a visit to the Lyman School.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy.

Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendation adopted, ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Danvers Lunatic Hospital until farther order.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm, and the custody of the Board, and eight adoptions of children.

Adoption of the following statement: The members of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity desire to record their sorrow at the loss, by sudden death, of their former associate member, Col. Henry Stone, and to testify to his unselfish devotion to his work during the period of his membership. In his change to an official position under the direction of the Board, by appointment of that body, the members gladly bear witness to his earnest endeavors to carry out the plans suggested by the Board, and his readiness to subordinate all personal opinions to its expressed purposes. As he had been loyal to his country in its hour of need, so after that need had passed was he loyal as a citizen of the State, as a public official, and as a friend; and the Board will cherish his memory as that of a man of unstained integrity, of intellectual ability, of humane nature, and of unselfish devotion to duty.

Action on petition for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of the Clerk and Auditor.

Special Meeting, Saturday, March 7, 1896.

Appointment of Committee to represent the Board at the funeral of Governor Greenhalge, on the 9th inst.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing a visit to the State Farm.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Taunton Lunatic Hospital until farther order; (2) providing for the selection of criminal insane persons for transfer from the State Lunatic Hospitals to the State Farm.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge of inmates of the State Farm and of children in the custody of the Board; two indentures, and eight adoptions.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Appointment of Dr. Lowell F. Wentworth as special visitor in the Department of In-Door Poor. Transfer of William H. Brown from the employment of the Board to that of the Insurance Department.

Regarding a communication from Judge Utley, Central District Court of Worcester, addressed to the Governor and referred to the Board, it was

Voted, That report be made to the Acting Governor that, of the sixty Massachusetts magistrates, (thirteen of them from Boston), who responded to communications asking their judgment on the work of the Board's agents in their attendance at the trial of juvenile offenders and neglected children, and their efforts to protect the interests of or otherwise provide for said children, forty-eight were unqualifiedly favorable to such attendance, eleven were qualifiedly so, and one was unqualifiedly opposed to such attendance. In other words, one magistrate states that the Board's agents are of no possible service in determining the guilt or innocence of alleged juvenile offenders, or in determining the character and measure of the discipline to be awarded the guilty; eleven state that, while these agents are of no service in determining the guilt or innocence of alleged juvenile offenders, they are of great assistance in determining the character and measure of the discipline to be awarded the guilty; and forty-eight magistrates state that these agents are of very great service in determining the guilt or innocence of alleged juvenile offenders, as well as in determining the character of the discipline to be awarded the guilty.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, April 4, 1896.

The Executive Committee report that, at a meeting held by them on the 14th ultimo, action was taken as follows:

Voted, That hereafter no female ward of the state above the age of twelve years shall be released to her home, or placed in a family, until investigation into the propriety of such release or placing has been made by a salaried officer of the Board; and that said officer shall from time to time visit all wards so placed or released, for the purpose of securing their best interests.

Voted, That female officers of the Board shall attend the trials of all offending girls at the several Municipal Courts of Boston, to protect the interests of or otherwise provide for such girls.

The Committee also reported that they had appointed Mary A. Perrault and Annie E. Hancock visitors in the Department of In-Door Poor.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to the Danvers and Northampton Lunatic Hospitals, the Medfield Asylum buildings, the McLean Hospital, and the State Almshouse.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) instructing the Clerk to communicate with the Acting Governor, suggesting, in behalf of the Board, that when persons are committed to lunatic hospitals under the provision of section 10, chapter 222, Public Statutes, copies of the physician's certificate be forwarded to the hospital authorities, with the order of commitment, in order that said authorities may be in possession of important facts in the history of the patients in question which such certificates contain; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Worcester Lunatic Hospital until farther order; (3) instructing the Inspector to send abstracts of the reports of almshouse visitors to the Overseers of the Poor of the several cities or towns, soon after such visits are made; (4) providing for the transfer of certain criminal insane patients to the State Farm.

Voted, That the Board recommend that the application of Allan Mott Ring, M.D., of Arlington Heights, for a license to maintain a private asylum for the care and treatment of the insane, referred by his late Excellency to the Board for consideration and report, be granted.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and the custody of the Board, and one adoption.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Permanent appointment of Annette E. Barnes as clerk in the Department of In-Door Poor.

Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 22, 1896.

Appointment of Dr. William P. Derby as Superintendent of Out-Door Poor.

Report of Executive Committee that they had appointed Esther E. Elwell as temporary clerk in the Department of Inspector of Institutions and Nellie R. Bray as temporary clerk in the Department of Out-Door Poor.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, May 2, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to Taunton Lunatic Hospital, Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Northampton Lunatic Hospital, and Westborough Insane Hospital.

Hearing on a representation of the Trustees of Medfield Insane Asylum, and the Superintendent of that Institution, regarding the character of patients recently transferred to the Asylum.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted, (1) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Westborough Insane Hospital until farther order; (2) providing for the transfer of certain criminal insane patients to the State Asylum for Insane Criminals at the State Farm.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted involving action on applications for discharge of inmates of the State Farm and of children in the custody of the Board, four adoptions, and the appointment of an auxiliary visitor.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of the Clerk and Auditor.

Voted, That the Acting Governor be recommended to appoint such members of the Board as may be able to attend, and the Heads of its Departments, as delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 4–10, 1896.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor be informed that it is the general policy of the Board to discourage the permanent separation of infants from their mothers, and, in all cases of infants temporarily cared for by the Board, to secure from the mother, so far as practicable, the payment of at least some portion of the expense of such infant's support.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, May 9, 1896.

Action with regard to communications from the Superintendent of Danvers Lunatic Hospital and Massachusetts Homœpathic Society, and consideration of several matters relating to the State wards.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, June 6, 1896.

Annual election of officers. Mr. Johnson elected Chairman, and Mrs. Codman Vice-Chairman.

Stephen C. Wrightington elected Superintendent of In-Door Poor; William P. Derby, M.D., Superintendent of Out-Door Poor; Charles E. Woodbury, M.D., Inspector of Institutions; and John D. Wells, Clerk of the Board.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

Report of the Executive Committee: Action on a case of adoption, and the passage of the following vote:

Voted, That the Superintendent of In-Door Poor be instructed to call the attention of the local authorities to any instances that may come to his knowledge, of neglect or insufficient care and treatment, in cases of minor children supported by any city or town.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to Worcester Lunatic Hospital and Worcester Insane Asylum, McLean Hospital, and the two branches of Boston Insane Hospital.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of Committee on Removal of Insane Persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy; Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) providing for certain transfers of insane patients; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Taunton Lunatic Hospital until farther order.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and the custody of the Board, one indenture, and ten adoptions.

Appointment of Auxiliary Visitors for the ensuing year.

Report of Committee on transfers to Medfield Insane Asylum.

Subscription for 75 copies of the Report of the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

Report of the appointment, by the Acting Governor, of Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Richardson, and Dr. Hildreth, as delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Correction at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Friday, July 3, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits to Worcester and Danvers Lunatic Hospitals, and Medfield Insane Asylum.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) ordering

commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Worcester Lunatic Hospital until farther order; (2) instructing the Clerk to certify to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth the names of the cities and towns reported by the Inspector of Institutions as having failed to make the Annual Pauper Returns required by Sections 34 and 35 of Chapter 84 of the Public Statutes, within the month of April, 1896, together with the amount of penalty incurred in each instance under the provisions of Section 37 of the same Chapter, and also to forward to the Treasurer at the same time, certain letters of excuse and explanation from the Overseers of the Poor of several of the aforesaid delinquent towns; (3) providing for certain transfers of insane patients.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and of children in the custody of the Board, and two adoptions.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of farther transfers to Medfield Insane Asylum.

The Clerk submitted a copy of recent correspondence on Immigration matters, from which it appeared that an appeal to the Commissioner General of Immigration had secured the construction of the contract between the United States Treasury Department and the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, agreed upon between the Committee of the Board visiting Washington in February, 1894, and the Immigration authorities, but hitherto denied by the Boston Commissioner of Immigration. The letter of the Commissioner General of Immigration to the Clerk of the Board, dated June 9, 1896, concludes as follows: "When an immigrant is admitted into a hospital, or receives aid under the contract mentioned, it becomes your duty to at once notify the Immigration officials, and at the same time, or within a reasonable time, taking into consideration the condition of the patient and the regular mail service, to furnish them with all the information obtainable as to landing, etc.; compensation will then be allowed from the date of notification, if it proves to be a case under the Act of 1882 and the rules and regulations prescribed by this Bureau." Under the ruling of the Boston Commissioner, compensation has been allowed only from the date of the completed notification in each case.

Adjourned Meeting, Thursday, July 9, 1896.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor be instructed that it is the general policy of the Board to refuse applications for temporary aid, under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 84 of the Public Statutes, as amended by Chapter 90 of the Acts of 1891, excepting in cases where the need of such aid is not likely to continue beyond the period of four weeks in summer, or eight weeks in winter.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, August 1, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made as follows: two to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, and one each to the Worcester, Taunton, and Northampton Lunatic Hospitals, the Westborough Insane Hospital, the Worcester and Medfield Insane Asylums, the two branches of the Boston Insane Hospital, the State Farm, the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates, and the private asylums of Doctors Heald, Wiswall, Russell, Baker, Norton, Stedman and Paine, and Miss Cooke.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) providing for certain transfers of insane patients; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Danvers Lunatic Hospital until farther order.

Report of the Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm, and the custody of the Board, and the appointment of two auxiliary visitors.

Report of the Committee on removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Reports of the Clerk and Auditor.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, September 5, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to Danvers and Northampton Lunatic Hospitals, the two branches of the Boston Insane Hospital, the McLean Hospital, and Dr. Bemis's private asylum.

Report of Committee on removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) providing for certain transfers of insane persons; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Taunton Lunatic Hospital until farther order.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and the custody of the Board, one adoption, and the appointment of two auxiliary visitors.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Action on a bastardy case.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, October 3, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to the State Almshouse, Lyman School, and Westborough Insane Hospital.

Report of Committee on removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted; (1) providing for certain transfers of insane patients; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Westborough Insane Hospital until farther order.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and of children in the custody of the Board, seven adoptions, and the appointment of an auxiliary visitor.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Reports of the Clerk and Auditor.

Action on petitions for increase of salaries of certain employés of the Board.

Recommendation that the application of Dr. Ellen L. Keith, for a license to maintain a private asylum for the insane in the town of Framingham, referred by the Acting Governor to the Board for investigation and report, be granted.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, November 7, 1896.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions; recommendations adopted: (1) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Worcester Lunatic Hospital until farther order; (2) providing for certain transfers of insane patients.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor; recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm, and the custody of the Board, two indentures and eight adoptions, and the appointment of an auxiliary visitor.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Saturday, December 5, 1896.

Report of Committee on Inspection of Institutions, showing visits made to Taunton and Northampton Lunatic Hospitals, Medfield Insane Asylum, McLean Hospital, State Farm, and the buildings of the Epileptic Hospital at Monson.

Action on petitions for licenses to maintain boarding-houses for infants.

Report of Committee on the removal of insane persons out of the State, and action thereon.

Report of Committee on Charities: Monthly reports of the Superintendents of In-Door and Out-Door Poor: recommendations adopted, involving action on applications for discharge from the State Farm and the custody of the Board, four adoptions, and the appointment of two auxiliary visitors.

Report of Committee on Lunacy: Monthly report of the Inspector of Institutions: recommendations adopted; (1) providing for certain transfers of insane patients; (2) ordering commitments of insane persons from Suffolk County to be made to Taunton Lunatic Hospital until farther order.

Report of the Clerk and Auditor.

Miss Perrault and Miss Tyler constituted assistants to Miss Beale, for the visitation of the homes and court attendance.

Appointment of Grace L. Ordway as visitor in the Department of In-Door Poor.

Increase of salary of an employé of the Board.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, December 19, 1896.

Action on estimates for annual appropriations under direction of the Board.

Approval of the following estimates of the Trustees of the State Almshouse and State Farm for the year 1897, viz., for salaries and expenses at the State Almshouse, $146,700; for salaries and expenses at the State Farm, $127,400.

Approval of the following estimates of the Trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for extraordinary appropriations, viz., for construction of bay windows and enlarging of other windows, etc., $6,000; for general repairs, $5,000; for gate house, $5,000; for painting, etc., $3,000; for new laundry machinery, $500; for new floors, $500.

Approval of the estimate of the Trustees of Westborough Insane Hospital, of the sum of $2,000 to cover the expense of improving the sewage.

On the estimate of the Trustees of Worcester Lunatic Hospital for a building for kitchen and work rooms, patients' rooms, help, etc., it was

Voted, That the Board approves of the erection of such a building, at a moderate expense.

In considering the estimate of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital for the building of two infirmaries at a cost of $40,000 each, and the estimate of the Trustees of the Westborough Insane Hospital for a building for the treatment of acute cases at an expense not to exceed $50,000, it was the general opinion of the members of the Board that, while fully approving the desire of the Trustees of these and other Institutions to make special provision for the care of the sick, and for the study and treatment of recent cases, and heartily sympathizing with every effort for the improved care of the insane, the Board should hesitate to indorse propositions for the immediate erection of separate buildings for such purposes. The question of incurring the great expense involved in such an undertaking, and imposing a heavy burden on the tax payers of the State at the present time of financial stringency is a most serious one; and it is also to be taken into consideration that Medfield Insane Asylum is still unfinished and but little more than half filled, and that it is too soon to estimate the extent of the relief to the other hospitals which its establishment will finally afford. Moreover, it is an open question whether some other provision cannot be made for these classes of cases in the hospitals, built, as they are,

at great cost, and containing all the appliances necessary for the care and treatment of every form of insanity.

The suggestion was also made that, when the hospitals shall again have become crowded, (as must inevitably be the case at no very distant time), a more economical method of relief might be the erection on the grounds of the several institutions, or in their immediate vicinity, of inexpensive buildings, where a large number of chronic cases could be comfortably cared for at a rate so low that the Overseers of the Poor would find it to their advantage to place there the unfortunates now detained in the various town almshouses, — a change which would result in an improved condition of the almshouses as well as of the insane. It was therefore

Voted, That until the general policy of the Commonwealth in relation to the supply of increased accommodations for the insane shall be more definitely determined, it is unwise and inexpedient to incur additional expenditures for the erection of separate buildings for the purposes designated

Adjourned Meeting, Wednesday, December 23, 1896.

Approval of the estimates of the Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools, of $27,000 for salaries, wages and labor, and $36,975 for expenses at the Lyman School; and $27,775 for salaries and expenses at the Industrial School. Disapproval of the estimates of $4,000 for the boarding of boys and $1000 for the boarding of young girls, the Board being opposed to the extension of this system. While approving of the erection of a new house for girls at the State Industrial School, the Board considers the estimate of $18,000 for building and furnishing the same larger than necessary.

Adjourned Meeting, Monday, December 28, 1896.

Adoption and signing of draft of Annual Report.

Number and Location of Insane in Massachusetts.

LOCATION.	Number September 30, 1895.			Number of Persons within the Year.	Average Number for the Year.	Number September 30, 1896.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.			Males.	Females	Total.
In State Institutions:—								
Worcester Hospital,	455	506	961	1,515	956.25	377	484	861
Worcester Asylum,	225	222	447	467	427.36	207	218	425
Taunton Hospital,	416	430	846	1,270	819.37	386	413	799
Northampton Hospital,	275	271	546	745	560.49	292	267	559
Danvers Hospital,	478	470	948	1,362	914.28	392	465	857
Westborough Hospital,	201	358	567	835	579.9	209	339	548
Medfield Asylum,	–	–	–	600	*461.61	272	291	563
Asylum Wards, State Almshouse,	104	372	473	551	475.8	98	376	474
Asylum Wards, State Farm,	244	–	244	344	267.04	300	–	300
Aggregate,	2,403	2,629	5,032	7,689	5,194.90	2,533	2,853	5,386
Less Duplications and Transfers,	–	–	–	661	–	–	–	–
Total for State Institutions,	2,403	2,629	5,032	7,028	5,194.90	2,533	2,853	5,386
In Municipal Institutions:—								
Boston Lunatic Hospital,	‖ 236	‖ 291	527	630	508.4	238	244	482
In Corporate or Private Institutions:—.								
McLean Hospital, Waverley,	61	75	136	255	133.98	72	78	150
Herbert Hall, Worcester,	–	7	7	15	8.5	–	12	12
The Highlands, Winchendon,	7	7	14	26	13.75	8	6	14
Private Asylum, Brookline,	3	11	14	19	14.16	2	8	10
Woodbourne, Jamaica Plain,	–	6	6	17	7.	3	8	11
Riverview, Baldwinville,	1	3	4	6	4.98	1	3	4

Private Asylum, Norwood,	–	3	3	6	3.75	–	4	4
The Newton Nervine,	3	5	8	23	7.9	4	4	8
Broadview, Agawam,	2	1	3	6	3.06	1	2	3
The Attleborough Sanitarium,	–	1	1	4	.42	–	–	–
Private Hospital, Newton,	–	6	6	17	5.06	2	2	4
Locust Grove Asylum, Sandwich,	–	2	2	2	2.00	–	2	2
Cutter Retreat, Pepperell,	–	–	–	1	1.00	–	1	1
Aggregate,	77	127	204	397	205.56	93	130	223
Less Duplications and Transfers,	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–
Total for Private Institutions,	77	127	204	394	205.56	93	130	223
At Board in Private Families (in care of the Board of Lunacy and Charity),	26	116	142	149	133.63	24	105	129
Others in care of Overseers of the Poor:† —								
In Town Almshouses,	357	446	803	1,010	825.60	362	467	829
In Private Families,	20	40	60	91	46.59	9	27	36
Aggregate,	377	486	863	1,101	872.19	371	494	865
SUMMARY.								
Under direct Medical Supervision,	2,742	3,163	5,905	8,082‡	6,042.49	2,888	3,332	6,220
In care of Overseers of the Poor,	377	486	863	1,046	872.19	371	494	865
Aggregate,	3,119	3,649	6,768	9,128	6,914.68	3,259	3,826	7,085
Less Duplications and Transfers,	–	–	–	26	–	–	–	–
Total under Supervision,	3,119	3,649	6,768	9,102	6,914.68	3,259	3,826	7,085

* For 5 months equivalent to 194.41 through the year.

† For the town year ending March 31, but approximately correct for the year specified.

‡ Deducting 119 for duplications between the State, the Municipal and the Private hospitals.

‖ Reported last year as 239 and 288 respectively.

Summary of Insane in Massachusetts under State Supervision, September 30, 1896.

LOCATION.	SEX.		Total.	SUPPORT.	
	Males.	Females.		Private.	Public.
In State Hospitals and Asylums,	2,533	2,853	5,386	528	4,858
In Municipal Asylums,	238	244	482	76	406
In Corporate or Private Asylums,	93	130	223	223	–
Boarded in Families under —					
State Control,	24	105	129	108	21
Town Control,	9	27	36	–	36
In Town Almshouses,	362	467	829	–	829
Total,	3,259	3,826	7,085	935	6,150

Insane in Institutions under Medical Care for the Year ending September 30, 1896.

	Public Hospitals and Asylums.			Private Asylums.			Aggregate.		
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number September 30, 1895,	2,699	2,996	5,695	16	52	68	2,715	3,048	5,763
Admissions of the year — whole number,	1,469	1,486	2,955	29	47	76	1,498	1,533	3,031
Viz.: — Committed by Courts,	996	1,022	2,018	7	19	26	1,003	1,041	2,044
Sent by Governor's order,	4	8	12	–	–	–	4	8	12
Committed by Board of Lunacy and Charity,	37	21	58	–	–	–	37	21	58
Voluntary admissions,	30	33	63	22	28	50	52	61	113
Emergency cases,	6	11	17	–	–	–	6	11	17
Transferred from other Hospitals,	396	391	787	–	–	–	396	391	787
Whole number of *cases* treated,	4,168	4,482	8,650	45	99	144	4,213	4,581	8,794
Whole number of *persons* treated,	3,750	4,069	7,819	45	98	143	3,792	4,161	7,953
Discharges — whole number,	1,325	1,307	2,632	24	47	71	1,349	1,354	2,703
Viz : — Recovered,	169	210	379	8	15	23	177	225	402
Much improved,	130	157	287	6	12	18	136	169	305
Improved,	148	161	309	1	9	10	149	170	319
Not improved,	543	511	1,054	4	9	13	547	520	1,067
Not insane,	10	17	27	–	–	–	10	17	27
Died,	290	286	576	5	2	7	295	288	583
Number September 30, 1896,	2,843	3,175	6,018	21	52	73	2,864	3,227	6,091

APPENDIX I.

THE PAUPER ABSTRACT.

WITH ADDITIONAL TABLES OF VALUATION, ANNUAL COST, NUMBERS, ETC., IN THE STATE ESTABLISHMENTS; AND STATISTICS CONCERNING INSANITY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

COMPILED BY THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF INSTITUTIONS.

PAUPERISM IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

TABLE I. — *Expense and Number of the Poor of the Massachusetts Cities and Towns for the Year ending March 31, 1896, as shown by the Pauper Returns and Annual Reports.*

[The State Poor in Institutions not included.]

PART I. — COST OF SUPPORT AND RELIEF.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	COST OF FULL SUPPORT.					Expense of Partial Support.	Miscellaneous Expenses, chiefly Administrative.	Aggregate of Ordinary Expenses.	REIMBURSEMENTS.		Net Amount of Ordinary Pauper Expenses.	Extraordinary Expenses.
	Expense at Almshouses.	Expense at Lunatic Hospitals.	Expense at other Institutions.	Expense in Private Families.	Total of Full Support.				By the State.	By other Cities and Towns.		
BARNSTABLE.												
Barnstable,	$1,673	$1,489	–	–	$3,162	$3,678	$225	$7,065	–	$584	$6,481	$114
Bourne,	*400	366	$39	–	805	432	164	1,401	–	252	1,149	–
Brewster,	796	508	–	–	1,304	551	90	1,945	–	56	1,889	–
Chatham,	960	612	–	–	1,572	1,157	96	2,825	–	286	2,539	–
Dennis,	980	362	–	–	1,342	2,775	150	4,267	$132	364	3,771	–
Eastham,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Falmouth,	852	993	–	$374	374	1,412	230	3,551	55	240	3,256	102
Harwich,	1,193	724	–	64	1,909	1,942	160	4,019	218	496	3,305	–
Mashpee,	–	104	–	–	1,917	117	30	251	104	–	147	–
Orleans,	–	339	–	541	104	500	35	1,415	–	–	1,415	–
Provincetown,	1,008	1,248	212	333	880	2,028	450	5,279	218	39	5,022	–
Sandwich,	1,513	632	–	146	2,801	2,198	250	1,439	14	462	4,263	–
Truro,	288	297	–	–	2,291	299	150	1,034	159	–	875	25
Wellfleet,	–	53	–	400	585	810	125	1,388	–	60	1,328	–
Yarmouth,	1,176	315	–	–	453	1,329	250	3,070	–	329	2,741	57
Total,	$10,839	$8,042	$251	$1,858	$1,491	$19,228	$2,405	$42,623	$900	$3,168	$38,555	$298
					$20,990							

PAUPERISM IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

BERKSHIRE.													
Adams,	$1,619	$1,562	-	$3,181	$3,697	-	$6,878	$685	$25	$6,168	-	-	-
Alford,	-	-	$184	184	21	$50	255	-	-	255	-	-	-
Becket,	-	340	747	1,157	61	21	1,239	113	100	1,026	-	-	-
Cheshire,	-	169	-	1,412	490	75	1,977	32	-	1,945	-	-	-
Clarksburg,	-	26	-	26	220	15	261	-	-	261	-	-	-
Dalton,	-	947	290	1,590	2,827	1,339	4,294	38	488	3,768	-	-	-
Egremont,	-	169	-	397	566	239	832	-	-	832	-	-	-
Florida,	-	170	-	111	281	28	317	170	28	119	-	-	-
Great Barrington,	-	1,634	170	2,235	4,039	1,529	5,893	30	66	5,797	-	-	-
Hancock,	-	-	72	-	72	7	79	-	-	79	-	-	-
Hinsdale,	-	512	138	106	756	617	1,373	27	111	1,235	-	-	-
Lanesborough,	-	-	-	412	412	585	1,047	35	15	997	-	$3	-
Lee,	1,699	695	174	608	3,176	1,770	4,961	207	531	4,223	-	-	-
Lenox,	-	678	84	2,159	2,921	1,137	4,096	-	-	4,096	-	-	-
Monterey,	-	508	-	217	725	280	1,050	285	-	765	-	-	-
Mount Washington,	-	-	-	105	105	15	120	-	-	120	-	-	-
New Ashford,	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	-	-
New Marlborough,	-	339	-	759	1,098	33	1,250	19	-	1,231	-	-	-
North Adams,	2,083	2,008	104	290	4,485	3,048	7,751	1,043	335	6,373	-	-	-
Otis,	-	-	-	486	486	65	586	26	5	555	-	-	-
Peru,	-	134	-	72	206	207	417	-	89	328	-	-	-
Pittsfield,	5,065	1,681	92	369	7,207	7,319	1,200	15,726	1,407	889	13,430	574	-
Richmond,	-	162	-	396	558	382	-	940	-	-	940	-	-
Sandisfield,	-	509	160	233	902	88	15	1,005	254	-	751	-	-
Savoy,	-	260	-	399	659	95	41	795	260	34	501	-	-
Sheffield,	-	689	274	550	1,513	920	28	2,461	78	34	2,349	-	-
Stockbridge,	-	751	169	2,582	3,502	849	-	4,351	16	51	4,284	-	-
Tyringham,	-	162	-	507	669	-	-	669	121	-	548	-	-
Washington,	-	387	-	-	387	286	-	673	-	-	673	-	-
West Stockbridge,	-	339	-	718	1,057	501	-	1,558	41	-	1,517	-	-
Williamstown,	1,106	1,576	-	-	2,682	1,728	50	4,460	222	61	4,177	200	-
Windsor,	-	-	-	-	-	23	5	28	-	-	28	-	-
Total,	$11,572	$16,407	$1,796	$17,475	$47,250	$27,570	$2,528	$77,348	$5,108	$2,863	$69,377	$777	

* In Sandwich.

TABLE I. — PART I. — COST OF SUPPORT AND RELIEF — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Cost of Full Support.					Expense of Partial Support.	Miscellaneous Expenses, chiefly Administrative.	Aggregate of Ordinary Expenses.	Reimbursements.		Net Amount of Ordinary Pauper Expenses.	Extraordinary Expenses.
	Expense at Almshouses.	Expense at Lunatic Hospitals.	Expense at other Institutions.	Expense in Private Families.	Total of Full Support.				By the State.	By other Cities and Towns.		
BRISTOL.												
Acushnet,	$148	$339	–	–	$787	$314	$45	$1,146	$30	–	$1,116	$425
Attleborough,	875	1,339	$338	–	2,552	3,271	447	6,270	432	$439	4,399	–
Berkley,	212	170	–	–	382	411	25	818	–	55	763	–
Dartmouth,	1,680	1,136	–	–	2,816	1,460	230	4,506	31	114	4,361	–
Dighton,	589	169	–	$55	813	1,372	81	2,266	350	243	1,673	–
Easton,	1,967	1,908	–	–	3,875	3,440	300	7,615	160	315	7,110	–
Fair Haven,	976	559	–	–	1,535	461	150	2,146	44	227	1,875	4,381
Fall River,	23,110	19,931	1,120	2,288	46,449	24,028	9,961	80,438	3,833	2,317	74,258	2,290
Freetown,	771	169	–	41	984	1,280	125	2,389	15	71	2,303	–
Mansfield,	1,432	407	–	241	2,080	1,788	233	4,101	54	214	3,833	385
New Bedford,	10,014	9,829	–	–	19,873	14,318	4,391	38,582	3,323	2,533	32,726	–
North Attleborough,	2,905	1,225	–	–	4,130	3,337	289	7,756	130	586	7,040	252
Norton,	911	498	–	–	1,409	361	80	1,850	5	46	1,799	141
Raynham,	–	166	–	665	831	2,380	100	3,311	101	737	2,473	–
Rehoboth,	494	508	–	–	1,002	461	45	1,508	15	–	1,493	–
Seekonk,	717	169	–	–	886	110	50	1,046	54	40	952	–
Somerset,	812	806	–	–	1,618	893	100	2,611	19	52	2,540	50
Swansea,	124	320	–	–	444	590	58	1,092	–	–	1,092	19
Taunton,	4,360	8,767	†500	383	14,010	16,039	1,364	31,413	2,026	2,214	27,173	360
Westport,	993	170	–	321	1,484	1,855	203	3,542	53	507	2,982	–
Total,	$53,420	$48,585	$1,958	$3,997	$107,960	$78,169	$18,277	$204,406	$10,675	$10,770	$182,961	$8,303
DUKES.												
Chilmark,	–	–	–	$505	$505	–	$14	$519	–	–	$519	–
Cottage City,	–	–	–	383	383	$52	–	435	–	–	435	–
Edgartown,	–	$656	–	1,151	1,807	222	10	2,039	–	$102	1,937	–

Gay Head,	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	20	–	–	20	–
Gosnold,	–	–	–	–	–	31	30	61	–	–	61	–
Tisbury,	–	–	$169	336	505	78	30	613	–	–	613	$22
West Tisbury,	–	–	–	110	110	–	10	120	–	–	120	–
Total,	–	$656	$169	$3,485	$3,310	$383	$114	$3,807	–	$102	$3,705	$22
ESSEX.												
Amesbury,	$1,359	$2,352	–	$263	$3,974	$4,224	$400	$8,598	–	$715	$7,883	–
Andover,	2,679	1,345	–	345	4,369	3,042	366	7,777	$77	281	7,419	$380
Beverly,	3,061	1,610	$226	171	5,068	10,468	941	16,477	145	3,142	13,190	–
Boxford,	659	180	–	–	839	417	100	1,356	–	–	1,356	–
Bradford,	–	673	146	405	1,224	1,120	75	2,419	–	701	1,718	–
Danvers,	*143	3,255	542	1,192	5,132	3,350	375	8,857	183	1,070	7,604	–
Essex,	138	339	67	–	544	858	85	1,487	–	–	1,187	–
Georgetown,	850	508	–	–	1,358	923	107	2,388	–	135	2,253	200
Gloucester,	3,328	6,378	569	95	10,370	10,109	1,007	21,486	634	1,170	19,682	224
Groveland,	873	425	161	–	1,459	757	125	2,341	104	217	2,020	117
Hamilton,	–	292	–	312	604	702	45	1,351	–	–	1,351	–
Haverhill,	11,369	4,370	892	–	16,631	9,249	1,862	27,742	1,556	1,430	24,756	–
Ipswich,	1,175	96	–	113	1,384	2,490	300	4,174	187	659	3,328	337
Lawrence,	13,655	13,740	1,604	156	29,155	10,000	2,422	41,577	2,145	1,177	38,255	3,269
Lynn,	18,485	19,212	5,327	–	43,024	17,759	2,216	62,999	2,881	3,437	56,681	5,283
Lynnfield,	*147	–	169	113	429	451	40	920	–	–	920	–
Manchester,	701	970	–	–	1,671	232	60	1,963	281	–	1,682	209
Marblehead,	2,504	1,343	207	186	4,240	3,430	100	7,770	14	228	7,528	–
Merrimac,	–	573	–	688	1,261	691	50	2,002	–	25	1,977	–
Methuen,	1,313	2,323	–	160	3,796	2,199	350	6,345	190	253	5,902	–
Middleton,	*51	46	–	511	608	756	65	1,429	94	103	1,232	–
Nahant,	–	169	–	366	535	3	–	538	–	–	538	–
Newbury,	–	170	–	835	1,005	1,045	105	2,155	10	584	1,561	–
Newburyport,	2,857	5,948	296	169	9,270	10,129	3,503	22,902	298	3,617	18,987	597
North Andover,	1,497	1,118	212	–	2,827	1,091	150	4,068	–	44	4,024	200
Peabody,	3,084	3,359	207	413	7,063	6,303	362	13,728	139	750	12,839	130
Rockport,	1,309	1,335	169	–	2,813	2,113	280	5,206	–	–	5,206	71
Rowley,	–	169	–	948	1,117	1,541	81	2,739	–	565	2,174	–
Salem,	11,463	5,285	4,987	348	22,083	16,147	1,248	39,478	1,162	1,861	36,455	–

* In Peabody.

† Estimated.

TABLE I. — PART I. — COST OF SUPPORT AND RELIEF — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	COST OF FULL SUPPORT.					Expense of Partial Support.	Miscellaneous Expenses, chiefly Administrative.	Aggregate of Ordinary Expenses.	REIMBURSEMENTS.		Net Amount of Ordinary Pauper Expenses.	Extraordinary Expenses.
	Expense at Almshouses.	Expense at Lunatic Hospitals.	Expense at other Institutions.	Expense in Private Families.	Total of Full Support.				By the State.	By other Cities and Towns.		
ESSEX — Con.												
Salisbury,	–	$169	–	$737	$906	$427	–	$1,333	–	$120	$1,213	–
Saugus,	$2,037	1,511	–	112	3,660	1,276	$258	5,194	$48	14	5,132	$51
Swampscott,	*76	1,067	$62	389	1,594	1,398	295	3,287	80	72	3,135	–
Topsfield,	1,685	339	–	–	2,024	263	48	2,335	–	50	2,285	323
Wenham,	–	–	–	180	180	322	20	522	–	–	522	–
West Newbury,	424	509	–	–	933	551	45	1,529	–	–	1,529	–
Total,	$86,921	$81,180	$15,845	$9,207	$193,153	$125,833	$17,486	$336,472	$10,230	$22,418	$303,824	$11,391
FRANKLIN.												
Ashfield,	$347	$508	–	–	$855	$346	$40	$1,241	–	$6	$1,235	$98
Bernardston,	–	508	–	$422	930	58	23	1,011	$165	25	821	–
Buckland,	124	314	–	260	698	610	75	1,383	273	50	1,060	–
Charlemont,	–	219	–	381	600	98	25	723	71	–	652	–
Colrain,	–	383	–	105	488	239	–	727	–	224	503	–
Conway,	507	583	–	470	1,560	283	35	1,878	111	–	1,767	–
Deerfield,	510	383	–	108	1,001	632	100	1,733	–	–	1,733	–
Erving,	–	170	$169	–	339	917	57	1,313	56	32	1,225	–
Gill,	–	236	–	–	236	81	10	327	–	–	327	–
Greenfield,	1,242	1,510	120	–	2,872	2,497	–	5,369	176	793	4,400	400
Hawley,	279	–	–	78	357	49	50	456	–	–	456	135
Heath,	206	339	–	–	545	69	20	634	247	96	291	–
Leverett,	–	508	–	496	1,004	80	25	1,109	–	–	1,109	–
Leyden,	–	339	–	183	522	–	20	542	339	–	203	–
Monroe,	–	169	–	–	169	–	–	169	169	–	–	–
Montague,	1,224	1,010	169	48	2,451	2,833	869	6,153	466	1,312	4,375	176
New Salem,	626	183	–	–	809	162	300	1,271	298	–	973	48

Northfield,	–	363	–	413	776	891	–	1,667	38	110	1,519	–
Orange,	824	170	–	78	1,072	1,093	150	2,315	260	257	1,798	–
Rowe,	–	170	–	104	274	51	30	355	100	–	255	–
Shelburne,	–	169	–	236	405	495	–	900	–	95	805	–
Shutesbury,	687	510	–	59	1,256	274	40	1,570	510	229	831	–
Sunderland,	–	205	–	212	417	553	–	970	68	95	807	–
Warwick,	631	339	–	–	970	86	–	1,056	127	7	922	–
Wendell,	572	422	–	–	994	238	50	1,282	198	92	992	30
Whately,	–	258	–	371	629	96	50	775	86	–	689	–
Total,	$7,779	$9,968	$458	$4,023	$22,228	$12,733	$1,969	$36,930	$3,759	$3,423	$29,748	$887
HAMPDEN.												
Agawam,	$1,124	$639	–	–	$1,763	$1,940	$40	$3,743	$27	$221	$3,495	–
Blandford,	–	–	–	$328	328	89	20	437	14	30	393	–
Brimfield,	805	–	–	–	805	387	50	1,242	136	47	1,059	–
Chester,	–	373	–	941	1,314	596	72	1,982	–	130	1,852	–
Chicopee,	5,425	4,585	$231	515	10,756	7,798	776	19,330	1,412	792	17,126	–
East Longmeadow,	–	270	–	71	341	462	–	803	49	–	754	–
Granville,	–	339	–	310	649	727	83	1,459	169	113	1,177	–
Hampden,	†89	518	–	124	731	230	–	961	273	9	679	–
Holland,	–	338	–	–	338	296	25	659	338	188	133	–
Holyoke,	7,484	4,501	159	–	12,144	25,208	2,193	39,545	4,430	2,712	32,403	$1,228
Longmeadow,	‡118	–	–	–	118	264	6	388	17	–	371	–
Ludlow,	–	–	–	276	276	721	–	997	169	50	778	–
Monson,	482	580	–	183	1,245	821	200	2,266	13	32	2,221	–
Montgomery,	–	340	–	–	340	90	8	438	298	–	140	–
Palmer,	1,538	1,102	336	–	2,976	3,676	–	6,652	641	298	5,713	3,013
Russell,	–	214	–	321	535	509	100	1,144	201	114	829	–
Southwick,	–	345	73	382	800	940	175	1,915	–	94	1,821	–
Springfield,	19,378	2,058	78	386	21,900	6,250	4,006	32,156	2,990	1,792	27,374	3,757
Tolland,	–	170	–	65	235	–	13	248	–	–	248	–
Wales,	–	171	175	338	684	189	25	898	233	–	665	20
Westfield,	3,030	3,045	60	–	6,135	4,459	–	10,594	551	142	9,901	367
West Springfield,	–	1,117	126	–	1,243	4,458	200	5,901	25	893	4,983	–
Wilbraham,	–	–	–	125	125	491	–	616	44	136	436	–
Total,	$39,472	$20,704	$1,240	$4,365	$65,781	$60,600	$7,994	$134,375	$12,032	$7,793	$114,550	$8,385

* In Peabody.

† In Monson.

‡ In Springfield.

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HAMPSHIRE.												
Amherst,	$729	$746	$169	-	$1,644	$1,006	-	$2,650	-	-	$2,650	-
Belchertown,	513	296	-	$52	861	299	$125	1,285	$86	$56	1,143	$124
Chesterfield,	-	437	-	554	991	236	100	1,327	205	-	1,122	-
Cummington,	-	339	-	1,464	1,803	98	-	1,901	229	93	1,579	-
Easthampton,	1,387	1,289	66	182	2,924	1,381	216	4,521	620	315	3,586	-
Enfield,	-	556	-	429	985	137	-	1,122	-	-	1,122	-
Goshen,	-	-	-	100	100	17	-	117	-	-	117	-
Granby,	-	170	-	641	811	370	30	1,211	57	30	1,124	-
Greenwich,	423	16	130	73	642	148	73	863	201	49	613	35
Hadley,	416	746	155	66	1,383	388	75	1,846	-	-	1,846	-
Hatfield,	*405	678	-	197	1,280	75	45	1,400	43	-	1,357	125
Huntington,	-	510	-	569	1,079	910	-	1,989	17	359	1,613	-
Middlefield,	-	169	-	-	169	179	50	398	180	-	218	-
Northampton,	2,672	2,125	230	298	5,325	7,526	700	13,551	333	1,253	11,965	-
Pelham,	-	339	-	215	554	366	18	938	339	21	578	-
Plainfield,	-	387	-	166	553	76	12	641	430	41	170	-
Prescott,	-	169	-	63	232	189	36	457	169	107	181	-
Southampton,	-	156	-	399	555	283	94	932	-	145	787	34
South Hadley,	1,791	2,026	-	-	3,817	1,590	150	5,557	178	98	5,281	-
Ware,	1,997	2,136	170	192	4,495	3,996	388	8,879	1,269	980	6,630	-
Westhampton,	*146	339	-	198	683	19	11	713	-	84	629	-
Williamsburg,	-	186	-	980	1,166	955	40	2,161	-	103	2,058	-
Worthington,	-	481	-	201	682	536	-	1,218	318	8	892	-
Total,	$10,480	$14,294	$920	$7,041	$32,735	$20,780	$2,164	$55,679	$4,673	$3,742	$47,264	$318

PAUPERISM IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

MIDDLESEX.												
Acton,	$490	$254	$128	–	$872	$158	$95	$1,125	–	–	$1,125	$17
Arlington,	2,214	631	169	$326	3,340	1,141	75	4,556	–	$54	4,502	–
Ashby,	622	170	–	–	792	153	108	1,053	–	–	1,053	–
Ashland,	949	169	–	79	1,197	203	130	1,530	$56	22	1,452	–
Ayer,	704	339	–	–	1,043	463	–	1,506	90	90	1,326	98
Bedford,	825	129	–	–	954	516	108	1,578	190	54	1,334	–
Belmont,	–	170	–	343	513	885	–	1,398	49	62	1,287	12
Billerica,	1,256	245	–	–	1,501	1,851	704	4,056	47	545	3,464	–
Boxborough,	–	170	31	–	201	18	9	228	117	–	111	21
Burlington,	1,196	–	–	–	1,196	34	–	1,230	–	–	1,230	111
Cambridge,	15,155	22,430	2,432	6,124	46,141	8,099	3,539	57,779	3,547	2,078	52,154	–
Carlisle,	290	–	–	–	290	150	25	465	–	–	465	–
Chelmsford,	829	1,300	79	–	2,208	350	72	2,630	36	221	2,373	569
Concord,	1,519	772	62	–	2,353	334	192	2,879	6	15	2,858	497
Dracut,	976	550	–	–	1,526	254	25	1,805	12	–	1,793	–
Dunstable,	–	74	–	156	230	226	21	477	–	–	477	–
Everett,	–	1,484	432	508	2,424	2,856	1,050	6,330	556	1,044	4,730	–
Framingham,	1,459	1,896	260	130	3,745	4,091	881	8,717	259	481	7,977	296
Groton,	365	329	–	–	694	763	75	1,532	–	189	1,343	240
Holliston,	1,405	1,112	–	393	2,910	1,781	248	4,939	157	283	4,499	–
Hopkinton,	2,255	1,134	–	113	3,502	1,576	325	5,403	52	170	5,181	231
Hudson,	2,581	679	–	332	3,592	2,762	322	6,676	398	682	5,596	72
Lexington,	1,440	476	28	462	2,406	1,102	150	3,658	–	25	3,633	578
Lincoln,	–	735	–	279	1,014	100	60	1,174	–	–	1,174	–
Littleton,	81	–	–	–	81	163	65	309	–	50	259	–
Lowell,	52,045	7,666	7,594	–	67,305	14,811	8,716	90,832	3,434	1,833	85,565	–
Malden,	5,247	5,512	4,169	295	15,223	9,583	1,500	26,306	3,313	3,797	19,196	2,034
Marlborough,	3,190	2,697	329	63	6,279	6,079	903	13,261	825	965	11,471	–
Maynard,	1,503	561	424	–	2,488	626	302	3,416	507	22	2,887	–
Medford,	4,583	2,055	125	343	7,106	4,126	827	12,059	795	834	10,430	–
Melrose,	†543	2,435	380	1,588	4,946	4,112	300	9,358	184	2,145	7,029	–
Natick,	2,422	3,559	120	328	6,429	4,078	450	10,957	37	927	9,993	200
Newton,	3,356	2,703	892	171	7,122	8,566	1,924	17,612	2,640	3,014	11,958	405
North Reading,	517	170	–	–	687	698	50	1,435	–	88	1,347	425
Pepperell,	1,772	575	–	–	2,347	1,532	101	3,980	350	77	3,553	150
Reading,	1,562	893	–	–	2,455	1,802	300	4,557	107	540	3,910	274

* In Northampton.

† In Malden and Brockton.

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MIDDLESEX — Con.												
Sherborn,	$901	-	-	-	$901	$447	$170	$1,518	-	-	$1,518	$84
Shirley,	*746	$382	-	$262	1,390	703	70	2,163	$85	-	2,078	-
Somerville,	†1,680	5,963	$1,196	1,886	10,725	5,776	3,487	19,988	1,286	$1,849	16,853	-
Stoneham,	2,563	1,006	-	245	3,814	1,387	335	5,536	-	364	5,172	367
Stow,	691	339	-	-	1,030	191	90	1,311	-	-	1,311	-
Sudbury,	1,302	363	-	-	1,665	25	128	1,818	-	25	1,793	-
Tewksbury,	904	180	206	-	1,290	84	25	1,399	-	-	1,399	-
Townsend,	804	-	-	200	1,004	481	116	1,601	3	-	1,598	-
Tyngsborough,	111	170	107	-	388	94	11	493	64	-	429	-
Wakefield,	2,546	1,939	189	146	4,820	2,903	321	8,044	103	169	7,772	-
Waltham,	3,902	1,710	950	1,515	8,077	7,297	700	16,074	852	1,439	13,783	-
Watertown,	3,226	1,435	-	146	4,807	2,121	300	7,228	111	1,597	5,520	-
Wayland,	1,177	679	-	285	2,141	1,410	245	3,796	-	550	3,246	35
Westford,	1,097	965	-	-	2,062	597	68	2,727	37	93	2,597	-
Weston,	209	170	-	352	731	723	-	1,454	32	244	1,178	-
Wilmington,	189	588	-	-	777	137	120	1,034	-	-	1,034	-
Winchester,	-	1,186	112	1,569	2,867	990	200	4,057	168	30	3,859	-
Woburn,	4,688	3,132	760	-	8,580	4,929	450	13,959	445	461	13,053	414
Total,	$140,087	$84,279	$21,177	$18,639	$264,182	$116,338	$30,486	$411,006	$20,950	$27,128	$362,928	$7,130
NANTUCKET.												
Nantucket,	$1,967	$696	$339	-	$3,002	$1,165	$372	$4,539	$32	$104	$4,403	$250
NORFOLK.												
Avon,	‡$887	$169	-	$402	$1,458	$237	-	$1,695	-	$54	$1,641	-
Bellingham,	1,121	-	-	-	1,121	413	$103	1,637	$15	201	1,421	$148
Braintree,	1,989	580	-	-	2,569	1,608	300	4,477	103	252	4,122	-

Brookline,	1,611	2,993	$339	1,493	6,436	2,135	1,074	9,645	619	215	8,811	-
Canton,	2,077	1,953	316	-	4,346	3,924	300	8,570	46	465	8,059	219
Cohasset,	1,488	824	-	32	2,344	3,061	148	5,553	10	243	5,300	393
Dedham,	2,186	2,289	-	37	4,512	5,182	400	10,094	61	152	9,881	-
Dover,	-	-	51	154	205	56	5	266	-	-	266	-
Foxborough,	762	167	-	-	929	1,050	50	2,029	22	183	1,824	135
Franklin,	2,014	489	-	-	2,503	2,019	278	4,800	38	337	4,425	1,400
Holbrook,	-	455	-	1,626	2,081	2,590	-	4,671	-	517	4,154	-
Hyde Park,	-	1,633	385	-	2,018	1,635	968	4,621	124	241	4,256	-
Medfield,	812	260	169	-	1,241	401	-	1,642	-	-	1,642	-
Medway,	1,321	747	-	112	2,180	1,489	58	3,727	12	411	3,304	-
Millis,	-	-	-	436	436	336	84	856	-	142	714	-
Milton,	3,140	1,200	170	313	4,823	2,587	300	7,710	-	-	7,710	-
Needham,	433	339	115	179	1,066	2,086	150	3,302	39	9	3,254	-
Norfolk,	-	-	-	750	750	731	51	1,532	-	90	1,442	27
Norwood,	-	676	46	178	900	3,276	186	4,362	20	453	3,889	-
Quincy,	2,268	2,561	146	-	4,975	3,153	210	8,338	367	-	7,971	-
Randolph,	1,536	1,986	486	104	4,112	3,764	300	8,176	153	933	7,090	-
Sharon,	272	507	-	-	779	822	116	1,717	24	-	1,693	-
Stoughton,	2,624	1,959	78	257	4,918	2,081	300	7,299	-	772	6,527	-
Walpole,	1,339	761	-	175	2,275	672	150	3,097	-	73	3,024	124
Wellesley,	2,190	948	666	-	3,804	324	150	4,278	37	62	4,179	196
Weymouth,	4,076	1,251	410	943	6,680	7,379	926	14,985	75	425	14,485	64
Wrentham,	1,525	846	132	-	2,503	732	200	3,435	112	-	3,323	1,246
Total,	$35,673	$25,595	$3,508	$7,190	$71,966	$53,742	$6,807	$132,515	$1,877	$6,229	$124,409	$3,952
PLYMOUTH.												
Abington,	-	$1,189	$336	$657	$2,182	$4,625	$544	$7,351	-	$593	$6,758	-
Bridgewater,	$783	621	-	-	1,404	2,122	103	3,629	-	99	3,530	-
Brockton,	3,909	1,928	402	138	6,377	9,017	1,222	16,616	$519	2,710	13,387	$223
Carver,	83	301	-	1,144	1,528	626	45	2,199	158	3	2,038	77
Duxbury,	1,370	637	-	-	2,007	1,146	20	3,173	-	115	3,057	-
East Bridgewater,	1,002	957	-	-	1,959	594	100	2,653	160	206	2,287	115
Halifax,	-	170	-	-	170	651	15	836	106	-	730	-
Hanover,	1,232	482	-	-	1,714	2,629	300	4,643	134	562	3,947	-
Hanson,	715	403	-	106	1,224	1,031	65	2,320	-	352	1,968	13
Hingham,	3,069	508	86	-	3,663	3,984	108	7,755	95	354	7,306	127

* In Harvard.

† In Boston, Cambridge, Malden and Peabody.

‡ In Stoughton.

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PLYMOUTH — Con.												
Hull,	–	–	–	–	–	$597	$90	$687	$50	–	$637	–
Kingston,	–	$652	–	$389	$1,041	664	75	1,780	–	$50	1,730	–
Lakeville,	–	507	–	299	806	440	38	1,284	–	–	1,284	–
Marion,	*$63	250	–	427	740	211	30	981	–	–	981	–
Marshfield,	998	170	$339	–	1,507	1,286	–	2,793	–	284	2,509	$239
Mattapoisett,	687	90	–	–	777	422	158	1,357	–	–	1,357	–
Middleborough,	2,176	1,445	212	157	3,990	2,639	476	7,105	–	286	6,819	–
Norwell,	1,535	508	–	136	2,179	1,057	150	3,386	36	173	3,177	–
Pembroke,	815	339	–	–	1,154	666	43	1,863	–	146	1,718	15
Plymouth,	3,329	3,321	–	–	6,650	3,967	551	11,168	20	1,489	9,659	99
Plympton,	–	–	–	–	–	872	26	898	–	185	713	–
Rochester,	780	169	–	–	949	462	50	1,461	15	526	920	–
Rockland,	1,511	1,243	–	–	2,754	5,710	200	8,664	504	1,125	7,035	163
Scituate,	–	339	–	470	809	2,655	115	3,579	–	129	3,450	–
Wareham,	1,096	335	–	–	1,431	3,108	192	4,731	13	415	4,303	–
West Bridgewater,	1,389	392	–	222	2,003	1,003	212	3,218	10	28	3,180	171
Whitman,	–	368	–	1,924	2,292	3,013	300	5,605	–	746	4,859	–
Total,	$26,541	$17,323	$1,375	$6,067	$51,306	$55,200	$5,230	$111,736	$1,821	$10,577	$99,338	$1,242
SUFFOLK.												
Boston,	$98,033	$220,507	$92,835	$20,054	$431,429	$99,498	$52,947	$583,874	$15,909	$8,526	$559,439	$19,805
Chelsea,	150	5,013	183	2,432	7,778	7,819	3,287	18,884	1,106	2,346	15,432	–
Revere,	–	1,412	–	124	1,536	1,348	400	3,284	57	453	2,774	–
Winthrop,	–	547	–	–	547	1,273	–	1,820	–	180	1,640	–
Total,	$98,183	$227,479	$93,018	$22,610	$441,290	$109,938	$56,634	$607,862	$17,072	$11,505	$579,285	$19,805

Worcester.												
Ashburnham,	$810	$483	–	–	$1,293	$988	$108	$2,389	$124	$32	$2,233	$97
Athol,	997	920	–	–	1,917	2,630	336	4,883	416	1,115	3,352	–
Auburn,	–	192	–	–	192	486	20	698	99	21	578	–
Barre,	2,040	–	–	$447	2,487	1,118	188	3,793	8	121	3,664	–
Berlin,	–	169	–	903	1,072	197	–	1,269	94	44	1,131	–
Blackstone,	3,646	1,356	–	990	5,992	4,695	13	10,700	–	–	10,700	–
Bolton,	659	–	–	–	659	80	43	782	13	–	769	25
Boylston,	301	335	–	104	740	213	67	1,020	2	–	1,018	227
Brookfield,	879	506	$273	–	1,658	2,275	100	4,033	–	269	3,764	–
Charlton,	1,099	170	–	156	1,425	544	–	1,969	30	276	1,663	325
Clinton,	3,378	3,632	208	702	7,920	4,831	1,698	14,449	910	389	13,150	5,469
Dana,	134	–	–	–	134	301	–	435	–	167	268	–
Douglas,	486	–	–	156	642	1,710	212	2,564	133	150	2,281	125
Dudley,	856	702	–	–	1,558	3,861	150	5,569	442	202	4,925	–
Fitchburg,	8,446	1,709	1,127	220	11,502	9,071	1,348	21,921	371	1,581	19,969	834
Gardner,	2,181	705	–	–	2,886	5,603	618	9,107	1,487	1,466	6,154	600
Grafton,	1,869	1,165	–	442	3,476	2,277	190	5,943	44	398	5,501	–
Hardwick,	828	427	24	–	1,279	3,495	143	4,917	–	499	4,418	–
Harvard,	491	436	–	–	927	109	51	1,087	–	77	1,010	173
Holden,	562	–	–	–	562	792	174	1,528	70	817	641	–
Hopedale,	†346	173	–	171	690	129	–	819	–	–	819	–
Hubbardston,	‡704	170	–	–	874	655	89	1,618	41	40	1,537	–
Lancaster,	1,228	390	410	467	2,495	729	171	3,395	–	294	3,101	263
Leicester,	1,629	403	–	–	2,032	747	204	2,983	45	120	2,818	–
Leominster,	1,997	1,491	170	169	3,827	2,254	320	6,401	163	335	5,903	–
Lunenburg,	1,050	170	169	–	1,389	185	33	1,607	–	6	1,601	326
Mendon,	–	389	–	15	354	573	48	975	–	214	761	–
Milford,	3,257	2,261	–	–	5,518	5,745	600	11,863	370	981	10,512	–
Millbury,	420	1,556	–	–	1,976	4,041	300	6,317	–	605	5,712	416
New Braintree,	–	–	139	104	243	122	–	365	–	7	358	–
Northborough,	434	481	–	265	1,180	720	638	2,538	195	95	2,248	–
Northbridge,	694	1,512	–	120	2,326	2,841	200	5,367	148	104	5,115	188
North Brookfield,	1 346	537	–	130	2,013	1,903	316	4,232	48	477	3,707	–
Oakham,	‡182	–	–	104	286	397	48	731	–	–	731	–
Oxford,	1,924	742	–	125	2,791	2,036	268	5,095	52	335	4,708	100
Paxton,	–	–	–	–	–	40	36	76	–	–	76	–

* In New Bedford. † In Milford and Westborough. ‡ In Holden.

TABLE I. — PART I. — COST OF SUPPORT AND RELIEF — Concluded.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	COST OF FULL SUPPORT.					Expense of Partial Support.	Miscellaneous Expenses, chiefly Administrative.	Aggregate of Ordinary Expenses.	REIMBURSEMENTS.		Net Amount of Ordinary Pauper Expenses.	Extraordinary Expenses.
	Expense at Almshouses.	Expense at Lunatic Hospitals.	Expense at other Institutions.	Expense in Private Families.	Total of Full Support.				By the State.	By other Cities and Towns.		
WORCESTER — Con.												
Petersham,	$483	$181	-	-	$664	$258	$69	$991	$20	$277	$694	$150
Phillipston,	-	169	-	$934	1,103	253	95	1,451	106	135	1,210	-
Princeton,	-	-	-	326	326	242	11	579	-	67	512	4
Royalston,	-	170	-	316	486	604	57	1,147	-	-	1,147	-
Rutland,	*505	-	-	86	591	394	90	1,075	-	103	972	-
Shrewsbury,	779	344	-	-	1,123	444	70	1,637	-	-	1,637	-
Southborough,	-	280	$169	1,155	1,604	1,356	100	3,060	13	214	2,833	44
Southbridge,	1,766	2,022	-	-	3,788	2,746	300	6,834	1,228	179	5,427	46
Spencer,	1,515	612	-	-	2,127	3,522	268	5,917	870	565	4,482	520
Sterling,	1,131	316	-	-	1,447	640	54	2,141	-	-	2,141	1,311
Sturbridge,	969	-	-	57	1,026	642	51	1,719	77	142	1,500	-
Sutton,	1,696	339	-	169	2,204	1,349	200	3,753	39	348	3,366	222
Templeton,	1,237	339	169	-	1,745	663	166	2,574	261	66	2,247	-
Upton,	1,399	512	-	-	1,911	1,295	75	3,281	-	28	3,253	3,590
Uxbridge,	1,527	970	-	-	2,497	1,785	538	4,820	180	54	4,586	-
Warren,	1,335	339	-	-	1,674	1,378	379	3,431	187	510	2,734	-
Webster,	2,974	2,653	-	-	5,627	6,176	637	12,440	1,194	667	10,579	248
Westborough,	1,380	680	-	-	2,060	1,292	238	3,590	31	311	3,248	182
West Boylston,	866	349	-	261	1,476	598	268	2,342	212	28	2,102	162
West Brookfield,	1,197	316	-	-	1,513	455	85	2,053	-	127	1,926	-
Westminster,	*324	-	55	-	379	1,255	70	1,704	3	356	1,345	-
Winchendon,	1,002	736	169	-	1,907	2,689	203	4,799	220	172	4,407	-
Worcester,	21,066	4,138	1,279	6	26,489	6,197	11,989	44,675	2,192	1,053	41,430	6,094
Total,	$88,021	$38,595	$4,363	$9,101	$140,080	$104,628	$24,744	$269,452	$12,142	$16,637	$240,673	$21,739

* In Holden.

SUMMARY OF COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	Cost of Full Support.					Expense of Partial Support.	Miscellaneous Expenses, chiefly Administrative.	Aggregate of Ordinary Expenses.	Reimbursements.		Net Amount of Ordinary Pauper Expenses.	Extraordinary Expenses.
	Expense at Almshouses.	Expense at Lunatic Hospitals.	Expense at other Institutions.	Expense in Private Families.	Total of Full Support.				By the State.	By other Cities and Towns.		
Barnstable,	$10,839	$8,042	$251	$1,858	$20,990	$19,228	$2,405	$42,623	$900	$3,168	$38,555	$298
Berkshire,	11,572	16,407	1,796	17,475	47,250	27,570	2,528	77,348	5,108	2,863	69,377	777
Bristol,	53,420	48,585	1,958	3,997	107,960	78,169	18,277	204,406	10,675	10,770	182,961	8,303
Dukes,	–	656	169	3,485	3,310	383	114	3,807	–	102	3,705	22
Essex,	86,921	81,180	15,845	9,207	193,153	125,833	17,486	336,472	10,230	22,418	303,824	11,391
Franklin,	7,779	9,968	458	4,023	22,228	12,733	1,969	36,930	3,759	3,423	29,748	887
Hampden,	39,472	20,704	1,240	4,365	65,781	60,600	7,994	134,375	12,032	7,793	114,550	8,385
Hampshire,	10,480	14,294	920	7,041	32,735	20,780	2,164	55,679	4,673	3,742	47,264	318
Middlesex,	140,087	84,279	21,177	18,639	264,182	116,338	30,486	411,006	20,950	27,128	362,928	7,130
Nantucket,	1,967	696	339	–	3,002	1,165	372	4,539	32	104	4,403	250
Norfolk,	35,673	25,595	3,508	7,190	71,966	53,742	6,807	132,515	1,877	6,229	124,409	3,952
Plymouth,	26,541	17,323	1,375	6,067	51,306	55,200	5,230	111,736	1,821	10,577	99,338	1,242
Suffolk,	98,183	227,479	93,018	22,610	441,290	109,938	56,634	607,862	17,072	11,505	579,285	19,805
Worcester,	88,021	38,595	4,363	9,101	140,080	104,628	24,744	269,452	12,142	16,637	240,673	21,739
Total,	$610,955	$593,803	$146,417	$114,058	$1,465,233	$786,307	$177,210	$2,428,750	$101,271	$126,459	$2,201,020	$84,499

NOTE. — Under the head of "Extraordinary Expenses" are included $64,883 for "Land or Improvements," and $19,616 for "Miscellaneous Expenses," which have sometimes heretofore been reported among the expenses of administration. The former amount covers the cost of new almshouses or of additions to old ones, improved systems of heating or water supply, and other conveniences; the latter amount covers expenses not perhaps in their nature extraordinary, but considered as not belonging exclusively to the current year's account. Of the total extraordinary expenses reported $60,649 was mainly met by direct appropriations for improvements; the remaining $23,850 has been paid from the common pauper appropriations, and probably for that reason has also been reported among ordinary expenses. The aggregate net expenditures on pauper account amount to $2,261,169.

PAUPERISM IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

TABLE I. — *Expense and Number of the Poor of the Massachusetts Cities and Towns for the Year ending March 31, 1896, as shown by the Pauper Returns and Annual Reports.*

[The State Poor in Institutions not included]

PART II. — NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Population in 1895.	Persons Fully Supported during the Year.												Persons Partially Supported.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		Aggregates.			In Almshouses.			In Lunatic Hospitals.			Elsewhere.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
BARNSTABLE.																		
Barnstable,	4,055	21	18.5	15	12	10.8	10	9	7.7	5	–	–	–	92	43	49	85	.1
Bourne,	1,580	4	3.9	3	*1	1.	1	3	2.1	2	1	.8	–	16	9	7	8	.2
Brewster,	901	13	13.	13	9	9.	9	4	4.	4	–	–	–	17	8	9	5	.1
Chatham,	1,809	15	13.	14	9	7.	8	4	4.	4	2	2.	2	27	12	15	9	–
Dennis,	2,545	10	6.7	8	7	5.2	6	3	1.5	2	–	–	–	147	61	86	45	–
Eastham,	476	2	2.	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2.	2	–	–	–	–	–
Falmouth,	2,655	15	12.9	13	9	6.2	7	6	5.8	5	1	.9	1	58	21	37	9	.3
Harwich,	2,532	21	19.3	19	16	14.3	14	5	5.	5	–	–	–	61	32	29	45	–
Mashpee,	330	2	.9	1	–	–	–	2	.9	1	–	–	–	5	3	2	2	–
Orleans,	1,198	9	5.4	8	–	–	–	1	1.	1	8	4.4	7	13	6	7	11	–
Provincetown,	4,555	23	18.6	19	10	7.5	7	10	8.1	9	3	3.	3	163	83	80	75	–
Sandwich,	1,580	27	22.2	21	19	16.4	14	6	3.8	5	2	2.	2	84	60	24	14	.2
Truro,	815	2	2.	2	1	.5	–	2	1.5	2	–	–	–	17	6	11	8	–
Wellfleet,	968	4	3.5	3	–	–	–	1	.8	1	3	2.7	2	17	7	10	14	–
Yarmouth,	1,655	12	11.	11	10	9.	9	2	2.	2	–	–	–	28	5	23	20	–
Total,	27,654	180	152.9	152	103	86.9	85	58	48.2	48	22	17.8	19	745	356	389	350	0.9

NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

Berkshire.																								
Adams,	7,837	25	18.7	18	14	8.7	9	11	10.	9	-	2.	-	2	87	32	55	48	-
Alford,	280	2	2.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	2	2	4	1	3	1	-
Becket,	888	13	11.2	11	-	-	-	2	2.	2	11	9.2	9	-	6	4	2	2	1.1
Cheshire,	1,176	13	12.	11	-	-	-	1	1.	1	12	11.	10	-	21	9	12	14	1.2
Clarksburg,	1,009	1	.2	1	-	-	-	1	.2	1	-	-	-	-	17	14	3	2	-
Dalton,	3,210	21	20.	20	-	-	-	6	5.7	6	16	14.3	14	-	50	19	31	20	4.1
Egremont,	836	4	3.4	4	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.4	3	-	7	5	2	3	-
Florida,	425	2	2.	2	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Great Barrington,	4,974	36	33.5	32	-	-	-	10	10.	10	26	23.5	22	-	87	47	40	17	-
Hancock,	511	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hinsdale,	1,650	5	5.	5	-	-	-	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	-	17	10	7	3	2.2
Lanesborough,	848	4	4.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.	4	-	33	14	19	10	.1
Lee,	4,066	23	20.	20	11	9.1	9	4	4.	4	8	6.9	7	-	75	27	48	28	-
Lenox,	2,872	26	16.1	16	-	-	-	4	4.	4	22	12.1	12	-	27	14	13	13	1.4
Monterey,	464	5	5.	5	-	-	-	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	-	8	1	7	4	-
Mount Washington,	136	2	1.1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
New Ashford,	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
New Marlborough,	1,288	10	9.4	7	-	-	-	2	2.	2	8	7.4	5	-	22	10	12	2	-
North Adams,	19,135	68	40.8	40	45	21.8	21	18	15.	15	4	4.	4	-	296	137	159	75	2.8
Otis,	518	6	4.2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4.2	4	-	3	1	2	-	-
Peru,	305	2	1.8	2	-	-	-	1	.8	1	1	1.	1	-	8	4	4	6	-
Pittsfield,	20,461	95	58.2	62	73	41.2	41	15	9.6	14	8	7.4	7	-	599	258	341	155	9.8
Richmond,	701	8	5.7	7	-	-	-	1	1.	1	7	4.7	6	-	10	5	5	4	.2
Sandisfield,	802	7	7.	7	-	-	-	3	3.	3	4	4.	4	-	10	2	8	4	-
Savoy,	504	6	4.7	4	-	-	-	2	1.3	1	4	3.4	3	-	4	3	1	1	-
Sheffield,	1,897	14	11.1	12	-	-	-	6	4.6	6	8	6.5	6	-	28	13	15	17	.2
Stockbridge,	2,077	24	23.2	20	-	-	-	7	5.9	5	18	17.3	15	-	27	15	12	9	.4
Tyringham,	363	7	6.8	5	-	-	-	1	.9	-	6	5.9	5	-	1	-	1	-	-
Washington,	423	2	2.	2	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	3	-
West Stockbridge,	1,257	10	10.	10	-	-	-	2	2.	2	8	8	8	-	23	9	14	15	.1
Williamstown,	4,887	21	14.4	18	11	5.2	10	10	9.2	8	-	-	-	-	68	37	31	15	1.8
Windsor,	556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total,	86,292	463	354.5	353	154	86.	90	117	102.2	105	194	166.3	158*	-	1,547	696	851	471	25.4

* In Sandwich.

Table I. — Part II. — Numbers Supported and Relieved — Continued.

Towns by Counties.	Population in 1895.	Persons Fully Supported during the Year.												Persons Partially Supported.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		Aggregates.			In Almshouses.			In Lunatic Hospitals.			Elsewhere.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
Bristol.																		
Acushnet,	1,115	5	2.6	2	3	.6	–	2	2.	2	–	–	–	17	9	8	10	.5
Attleborough,	8,288	21	16 6	16	9	6.2	6	11	9.4	9	1	1.	1	168	75	93	30	–
Berkley,	955	4	2.6	2	3	1.6	1	1	1.	1	–	–	–	25	9	16	4	.2
Dartmouth,	3,107	23	17.	16	16	10.	9	7	7.	7	–	–	–	55	30	25	27	.3
Dighton,	1,797	6	2.9	3	5	1.5	1	1	1.	1	1	.4	1	48	25	23	18	.2
Easton,	4,452	32	22.5	19	20	10.9	8	13	11.6	11	–	–	–	114	57	57	70	2.7
Fairhaven,	3,338	15	9.7	14	11	5.7	10	4	4.	4	–	–	–	22	15	7	6	2.5
Fall River,	89,203	855	321.	335	641	165.	175	171	125.5	130	47	30.5	30	2,244	1,529	1,715	975	–
Freetown,	1,405	10	8.5	9	8	7.1	7	1	1.	1	1	.4	1	41	23	18	29	.7
Mansfield,	3,722	11	10.3	11	6	6.	6	3	2.3	3	2	2.	2	46	25	21	26	2.5
New Bedford,	55,251	281	134.6	143	196	70.2	86	85	64.4	57	–	–	–	1,772	784	988	507	5.3
North Attleborough,	6,576	32	21.4	20	24	13 3	13	8	8 1	7	–	–	–	169	54	115	76	5 7
Norton,	1,614	8	6.9	7	5	3.9	4	3	3.	3	–	–	–	11	4	7	3	4.5
Raynham,	1,518	9	5.3	5	–	–	–	1	1.	1	9	4.3	4	85	48	37	30	1.1
Rehoboth,	1,810	14	9.7	7	11	6.7	4	3	3.	3	–	–	–	20	5	15	2	.8
Seekonk,	1,465	10	6.9	8	9	5.4	6	2	1.5	2	–	–	–	4	3	1	1	1.7
Somerset,	1,983	16	12.9	15	10	8.1	10	6	4.8	5	–	–	–	35	16	19	5	1.8
Swansea,	1,627	7	5.3	6	5	3.3	4	2	2.	2	–	–	–	19	7	12	8	.2
Taunton,	27,115	197	113.7	126	114	47.8	63	75	59.4	60	11	6.5	3	1,017	448	569	275	10.
Westport,	2,678	16	14.2	14	11	10.	9	2	1.2	2	3	3.	3	50	26	24	30	.1
Total,	219,019	1,572	744.6	778	1,107	383.3	422	401	313.2	311	75	48.1	45	6,962	3,192	3,770	2,132	46.8

NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

DUKES.																		
Chilmark,	304	4	3.4	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3.4	2	–	–	–	–	–
Cottage City,	1,038	3	2.4	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	2.4	2	1	–	1	–	–
Edgartown,	1,125	13	8.5	9	–	–	–	3	3.	3	10	5.5	6	14	5	9	5	–
Gay Head,	169	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Gosnold,	140	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–
Tisbury,	1,002	4	3.	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3.	2	6	2	4	1	–
West Tisbury,	460	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–
Total,	4,238	25	18.3	16	–	–	–	3	3.	3	22	15.3	13	22	8	14	6	–
ESSEX																		
Amesbury,	9,986	28	20.8	21	15	8.1	9	12	11.7	11	1	1.	1	277	123	154	85	.5
Andover,	6,145	38	34.1	35	24	21.1	22	11	10.7	10	3	2.3	3	122	50	72	57	.4
Beverly,	11,806	59	42.5	44	45	28.6	30	12	10.8	10	4	3.1	4	459	212	247	309	5.7
Boxford,	727	8	6.8	5	7	5.1	3	2	1.7	2	–	–	–	11	5	6	2	1.3
Bradford,	4,736	9	8.5	8	–	–	–	4	4.	4	5	4.5	4	56	18	38	10	.1
Danvers,	8,181	38	34.6	35	*1	1.	1	20	17.1	19	17	16.5	15	148	52	96	50	1.8
Essex,	1,587	12	10.	11	9	7.5	8	2	2.	2	1	.5	1	30	11	19	18	1.1
Georgetown,	2,050	11	8.5	6	8	5.5	4	3	3.	2	–	–	–	37	22	15	7	.4
Gloucester,	28,211	110	74.4	76	60	32.	33	53	37.	38	9	5.4	5	968	391	577	455	2.7
Groveland,	2,333	13	7.1	8	6	4.1	6	5	2.6	2	2	.4	–	41	14	27	16	2.5
Hamilton,	1,356	4	3.1	3	–	–	–	2	1.1	1	2	2.	2	8	2	6	3	.9
Haverhill,	30,209	221	108.	126	171	76.8	95	45	26.2	27	7	5.	4	1,104	484	620	338	10.3
Ipswich,	4,720	17	14.6	14	16	13.5	13	1	.1	–	1	1.	1	59	22	37	30	4.
Lawrence,	52,164	380	248.6	260	225	134.8	140	127	90.8	96	33	23.	24	1,042	455	587	194	8.8
Lynn,	62,354	337	227.4	238	136	82.4	89	131	108.4	106	70	36.6	43	1,606	725	881	550	–
Lynnfield,	818	3	3.	3	*1	1.	1	–	–	–	2	2.	2	11	6	5	3	.4
Manchester,	1,876	10	8.3	8	7	5.3	5	3	3.	3	–	–	–	20	8	12	10	1.2
Marblehead,	7,671	34	28.6	31	22	17.7	19	8	6.9	8	4	4.	4	240	101	139	130	5.3
Merrimac,	2,301	10	9.9	9	–	–	–	4	3.9	3	6	6.	6	21	12	19	14	.8
Methuen,	5,690	26	18.8	20	7	3.9	4	16	13.8	15	3	1.1	1	95	47	48	16	2.2
Middleton,	838	8	3.	6	*1	.3	1	1	.2	–	6	2.5	5	8	2	6	3	2.5
Nahant,	865	2	2.	2	–	–	–	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	1	–	1	–	–
Newbury,	1,489	7	7.	7	–	–	–	1	1.	1	6	6.	6	14	6	8	5	.1
Newburyport,	14,552	113	75.9	71	71	41.9	39	37	31.9	30	5	2.1	2	346	113	233	165	4.8
North Andover,	3,569	13	12.2	13	6	5.9	6	6	5.3	6	1	1.	1	47	21	26	20	1.5

* In Peabody.

TABLE I. — PART II. — NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Population in 1895.	PERSONS FULLY SUPPORTED DURING THE YEAR.												PERSONS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		AGGREGATES.			IN ALMSHOUSES.			IN LUNATIC HOSPITALS.			ELSEWHERE.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
ESSEX — Con.																		
Peabody,	10,507	73	48.6	50	43	23.7	25	27	23.2	23	3	2.7	2	239	108	131	165	1.7
Rockport,	5,289	27	17.5	17	12	6.4	7	12	10.	9	3	1.1	1	40	17	23	26	.8
Rowley,	1,272	8	5.5	7	–	–	–	1	1.	1	7	4.5	6	65	31	34	25	.2
Salem,	34,473	234	182.7	185	141	102 8	105	46	30.6	33	53	49.3	47	1,478	580	898	493	4.4
Salisbury,	1,300	5	3.5	5	–	–	–	1	1.	1	4	2 5	4	25	2	23	13	–
Saugus,	4.497	22	17.6	16	9	7.	6	12	10.4	9	1	.2	1	67	43	24	28	–
Swampscott,	3,259	12	9 6	11	*1	.9	1	8	7.1	8	3	1.6	2	60	28	32	21	–
Topsfield,	1,033	9	6.8	8	7	4.8	6	2	2.	2	–	–	–	7	4	3	3	1.4
Wenham,	886	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1.	1	15	7	8	6	1.7
West Newbury,	1,643	7	6.7	7	3	2.7	3	4	4.	4	–	–	–	40	23	17	7	.7
Total,	330,393	1,909	1,318 2	1,367	1,054	644.8	681	620	483.5	487	264	189.9	199	8,807	3,735	5,072	3,277	70.2
FRANKLIN.																		
Ashfield,	1,013	5	3.4	3	2	.4	–	3	3.	3	–	–	–	6	3	3	2	–
Bernardston,	778	10	7 5	8	–	–	–	3	3.	3	7	4.5	5	8	3	5	1	.2
Buckland,	1,548	10	9 9	10	5	5.	5	3	2 9	3	2	2.	2	20	12	8	10	.6
Charlemont,	1,041	5	4 8	5	–	–	–	2	1.8	2	3	3.	3	2	2	–	1	.5
Colrain,	1,610	5	2.3	3	–	–	–	3	2.	2	2	.3	1	8	5	3	2	–
Conway,	1,304	15	13.7	13	5	4.3	4	4	3.4	3	6	6.	6	18	7	11	12	–
Deerfield,	3,007	12	7.9	7	7	4.4	4	4	2.5	2	1	1.	1	26	6	20	8	.1
Erving,	964	3	3.	3	–	–	–	2	2.	2	1	1.	1	21	13	8	5	.5
Gill,	1,082	2	1.1	1	–	–	–	2	1.1	1	–	–	–	5	–	5	3	–
Greenfield,	6,229	19	15.5	17	7	6.2	7	11	8.3	9	1	1.	1	102	47	55	59	1.9

NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

Hawley,	468	4	4.	4	3	3.	3	–	–	–	1	1.	1	9	2	7	–	–
Heath,	476	4	3.1	2	2	1.1	–	2	2.	2	–	–	–	2	1	1	–	–
Leverett,	744	7	6.3	7	–	–	–	3	3.	3	4	3.3	4	4	1	3	4	.1
Leyden,	363	5	3.3	5	–	–	–	2	2.	2	3	1.3	3	2	2	–	–	–
Monroe,	298	1	1.	1	–	–	–	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Montague,	6,058	24	21 8	23	16	14 7	15	6	5.1	6	2	2.	2	181	84	97	56	.8
New Salem,	869	5	4.5	4	3	3.	3	2	1.5	1	–	–	–	10	8	2	1	–
Northfield,	1,851	7	5.1	6	–	–	–	3	2.6	3	4	2.5	3	30	10	20	24	.5
Orange,	5,361	7	5.9	7	4	3.	4	2	1.9	2	1	1.	1	37	22	15	15	.9
Rowe,	498	3	2.	2	–	–	–	2	1.	1	1	1.	1	2	2	–	1	–
Shelburne,	1,560	3	3.	3	–	–	–	1	1.	1	2	2.	2	10	4	6	1	.5
Shutesbury,	444	9	8.6	8	5	5.	5	3	3.	3	1	.5	–	42	19	23	9	–
Sunderland,	696	4	3.1	4	–	–	–	2	1.1	2	2	2.	2	4	4	–	2	–
Warwick,	599	5	5.	5	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	–	–	–	5	5	–	1	–
Wendell,	529	6	4.7	6	4	2.5	2	4	2.2	4	–	–	–	20	10	10	10	.1
Whately,	755	7	6.3	6	–	–	–	2	1.3	1	5	5.	5	3	2	1	1	.1
Total,	40,145	187	156.7	163	66	55.6	55	74	60.7	64	49	40.4	44	577	274	303	228	6.8
HAMPDEN.																		
Agawam,	2,408	13	9.3	10	7	5.9	6	6	3.4	4	–	–	–	67	30	37	38	.1
Blandford,	849	3	3.	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3.	3	9	6	3	–	–
Brimfield,	962	16	13.2	11	16	13.2	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	5	4	3	2.
Chester.	1,429	17	16.3	7	–	–	–	2	1 9	1	15	14.4	9	26	13	13	11	.7
Chicopee,	16,420	93	72.4	76	51	36.7	38	31	28.2	29	11	7.5	6	608	253	355	323	7.6
East Longmeadow,	1,591	4	2.9	2	–	–	–	3	1.9	1	1	1.	1	9	8	1	8	–
Granville,	1,005	6	5.	5	–	–	–	2	2.	2	4	3.	3	25	10	15	15	–
Hampden,	743	5	4.4	4	†1	.9	1	3	3.	3	1	.5	–	22	6	16	11	.1
Holland,	199	2	2.	2	–	–	–	2	2.	2	–	–	–	5	4	1	2	–
Holyoke,	40,322	182	127.9	137	110	79.6	83	50	28.9	33	32	19.4	21	1,690	761	929	214	–
Longmeadow,	620	1	1.	1	‡1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3	1	2	–
Ludlow,	2,562	3	1.9	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	1.9	3	26	12	14	5	.1
Monson,	3,746	23	15.4	17	18	11.	12	4	3 4	4	1	1.	1	40	23	17	7	.4
Montgomery,	275	2	2.	2	–	–	–	2	2.	2	–	–	–	4	2	2	1	–
Palmer,	6,858	47	30.3	30	40	21 8	24	7	6.7	5	2	1.8	1	399	180	219	196	1.
Russell,	846	7	5.	5	–	–	–	2	1.5	2	5	3.5	3	28	17	11	5	.1
Southwick,	961	6	5.6	5	–	–	–	3	2.4	2	4	3.2	3	19	9	10	2	.1

* In Peabody. † In Monson. ‡ In Springfield.

Table I. — Part II. — Numbers Supported and Relieved — Continued.

Towns by Counties.	Population in 1895.	Persons Fully Supported during the Year.												Persons Partially Supported.				Daily Average of Vacancy.
		Aggregates.			In Almshouses.			In Lunatic Hospitals.			Elsewhere.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
Hampden — Con.																		
Springfield,	51,522	332	159.7	185	292	136.8	156	32	17.8	22	8	5.1	7	1,285	545	740	165	6.2
Tolland,	309	2	2.	2	–	–	–	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–
Wales,	783	5	5.	5	–	–	–	1	1.	1	4	4.	4	2	2	–	1	–
Westfield,	10,663	65	46.7	45	41	27.7	29	24	18.5	15	1	.5	1	352	168	184	77	3.6
West Springfield,	6,125	9	8.6	8	–	–	–	8	7.6	7	1	1.	1	183	74	109	59	–
Wilbraham,	1,740	1	1.	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1.	1	17	10	7	5	1.4
Total,	152,938	844	540.6	566	577	334.6	361	183	133.2	136	98	72.8	69	4,829	2,141	2,688	1,135	23.4
Hampshire.																		
Amherst,	4,785	18	14.2	13	11	7.2	6	6	6.	6	1	1.	1	53	28	25	6	1 2
Belchertown,	2,161	17	9.2	8	14	6 5	7	2	1.7	1	1	1.	–	14	4	10	4	1.1
Chesterfield,	589	8	6.	5	–	–	–	3	2.3	2	5	3.7	3	7	5	2	5	.1
Cummington,	750	17	15.5	15	–	–	–	2	2.	2	15	13.5	13	9	5	4	2	.1
Easthampton,	4,790	24	21.7	23	12	11 4	12	9	7.3	8	3	3.	3	114	50	64	12	1.2
Enfield,	990	8	8.	8	–	–	–	4	4.	4	4	4.	4	3	2	1	1	.1
Goshen,	304	2	1.2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1.2	2	1	1	–	–	–
Granby,	748	11	8.3	8	–	–	–	1	1.	1	10	7.3	7	9	3	6	5	.4
Greenwich,	481	8	5.1	5	5	3.	3	1	.1	–	2	2.	2	3	1	2	1	.1
Hadley,	1,704	14	12.	12	6	5.1	5	6	4.4	5	3	2.5	2	14	7	7	12	.7
Hatfield,	1,262	9	9.	9	*3	3.	3	4	4.	4	2	2	2	2	2	–	1	.1
Huntington,	1,450	8	7.6	7	–	–	–	3	3.	3	5	4.6	4	11	7	4	2	1 9
Middlefield,	386	1	1.	1	–	–	–	1	1.	1	–	–	–	16	8	8	1	–
Northampton,	16,746	57	39.2	43	36	24.5	24	17	12.5	15	4	2.2	4	385	183	202	174	2.7

Pelham,	486	4	4.	4	–	–	–	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	10	4	6	4	–
Plainfield,	450	5	4.5	5	–	–	–	3	2.5	3	2	2.	2	3	1	2	–	.1
Prescott,	401	2	1.1	1	–	–	–	1	1.	1	1	.1	–	4	2	2	1	–
Southampton,	1,054	7	2.6	2	–	–	–	2	.9	1	5	1.7	1	9	4	5	5	–
South Hadley,	4,443	17	16.3	17	7	6.6	7	10	9.7	10	–	–	–	88	40	48	33	2.6
Ware,	7,651	33	25.7	25	18	9.8	9	14	13.9	14	2	2.	2	291	130	161	44	–
Westhampton,	476	5	5.	5	*1	1.	1	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	2	–	2	1	–
Williamsburg,	1,955	7	6.7	6	–	–	–	2	1.2	1	6	5.5	5	74	38	36	22	.1
Worthington,	648	5	5.	5	–	–	–	3	3.	3	2	2	2	11	6	5	1	–
Total,	54,710	287	228.9	229	113	78.1	77	98	85.5	89	79	65.3	63	1,133	531	602	340	12.5
MIDDLESEX.																		
Acton,	1,978	6	5.1	5	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	2	1 1	1	8	3	5	3	1.4
Arlington,	6,515	19	16.4	19	12	9.4	12	4	4.	4	3	3.	3	61	30	31	27	1 6
Ashby,	804	11	6.5	11	10	5.5	10	1	1.	1	–	–	–	9	4	5	1	–
Ashland,	2,090	13	9.1	9	11	7.1	7	2	1.	1	1	1.	1	19	8	11	6	5.2
Ayer,	2,101	8	7.	7	6	5.	5	2	2.	2	–	–	–	13	2	11	8	–
Bedford,	1,169	8	6.	6	6	5.4	5	2	.6	1	–	–	–	21	10	11	6	1.
Belmont,	2,843	3	2.8	2	–	–	–	1	1.	1	2	1.8	1	14	4	10	11	2 9
Billerica,	2,577	12	9.	10	10	7.6	8	2	1.4	2	–	–	–	66	34	32	29	1.1
Boxborough,	307	4	3.	3	–	–	–	2	2.	2	2	1.	1	2	1	1	–	–
Burlington,	574	5	4.1	4	5	4 1	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	3	6	1	1.3
Cambridge,	81,643	492	301.4	301	241	104.2	109	157	123.2	129	105	74.	63	1,679	666	1,013	254	.7
Carlisle,	492	4	3.	3	4	3.	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	2	2	2	.6
Chelmsford,	3,162	20	12.3	16	14	6.9	11	5	4.3	4	2	1.1	1	20	14	6	10	.3
Concord,	5,175	14	12.7	12	7	6.6	6	6	6.	6	1	.1	–	30	14	16	4	2.6
Dracut,	2,443	8	7.2	8	4	3.5	4	4	3.7	4	–	–	–	22	14	8	10	.1
Dunstable,	400	2	1.5	1	–	–	–	1	.5	–	1	1.	1	8	3	5	4	.3
Everett,	18,573	27	20 5	18	–	–	–	14	11.5	11	13	9.	7	345	140	205	100	7.
Framingham,	9,512	29	18.9	15	16	10.7	8	11	7.4	7	2	.8	–	187	89	98	123	7.1
Groton,	2,192	17	7.9	9	15	5.9	7	2	2.	2	–	–	–	15	–	15	4	1.4
Holliston,	2,718	19	17.6	18	10	9.1	10	6	6.	6	3	2.5	2	70	45	25	16	1.7
Hopkinton,	2,984	37	29.3	28	23	18.9	17	13	9.4	11	1	1.	–	80	34	46	23	.6
Hudson,	5,308	25	14.2	19	18	8.1	11	3	3.	3	5	3.1	5	222	90	132	32	.1
Lexington,	3,498	14	9.8	11	8	5 8	6	4	2.5	3	2	1.5	2	21	9	12	15	7.6
Lincoln,	1,111	6	4.8	3	–	–	–	5	4.2	3	1	.6	–	1	–	1	1	.2

* In Northampton.

Table I. — Part II. — Numbers Supported and Relieved — Continued.

Towns by Counties.	Population in 1895.	Persons Fully Supported during the Year.												Persons Partially Supported.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		Aggregates.			In Almshouses.			In Lunatic Hospitals.			Elsewhere.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
Middlesex — Con.																		
Littleton,	1,136	5	5.	5	5	5.	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	2	4	2	.6
Lowell,	84,367	1,115	511.4	544	987	517.6	442	86	50.4	57	69	43.4	45	2,348	1,090	1,258	963	17.
Malden,	29,708	155	75 4	71	103	36.5	35	41	34.6	33	11	4.3	3	984	423	561	228	5 3
Marlborough,	14,977	99	49.6	50	78	32.9	35	19	13.1	12	4	3.6	3	825	403	422	237	3.
Maynard,	3,090	14	11.9	13	9	6.9	8	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	26	13	13	5	4.9
Medford,	14,474	51	38.	37	26	21.	20	18	14.1	15	5	2.9	2	271	117	154	100	1.4
Melrose,	11,965	36	29.7	27	*4	3.9	3	17	14.8	15	15	11.	9	149	76	73	39	3.1
Natick,	8,814	61	39.6	43	29	15.3	17	28	20.7	23	4	3.6	3	176	78	98	118	5.4
Newton,	27,590	70	45.4	48	33	17.8	20	25	21.	21	12	6.6	7	896	472	424	200	6.1
North Reading,	835	5	4.5	4	4	3.5	3	1	1.	1	–	–	–	22	12	10	7	1.
Pepperell,	3,321	14	9.2	9	9	5.4	4	6	3.8	5	–	–	–	80	39	41	6	2.1
Reading,	4,717	16	11.7	12	10	6.5	6	5	5.	5	1	.2	1	44	21	23	14	2.9
Sherborn,	1,446	4	4.	4	4	4.	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	15	4	11	4	3.3
Shirley,	1,399	8	6.8	7	†4	3.1	3	3	2.7	3	1	1.	1	26	8	18	19	.8
Somerville,	52,200	109	77.	77	‡10	5.	7	52	41 9	39	47	30.1	31	754	299	455	218	11.7
Stoneham,	6,284	53	31.4	32	29	13.4	11	18	14.6	16	6	3.4	5	73	31	42	40	.8
Stow,	920	8	6.7	7	6	4.7	5	2	2.	2	–	–	–	4	1	3	3	1.
Sudbury,	1,141	9	7.8	8	7	5.8	6	2	2.	2	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1.
Tewksbury,	3,379	7	7.	7	6	5.9	6	1	1.	1	1	.1	–	5	3	2	2	.7
Townsend,	1,780	10	9.	9	9	8.3	9	–	–	–	1	.7	–	35	13	22	5	.3
Tyngsborough,	635	3	3.	3	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	4	2	2	1	.2
Wakefield,	8,304	25	23.6	23	11	9.7	9	12	11.9	12	2	2.	2	60	22	38	50	4 5
Waltham,	20,876	113	75.5	82	58	38.2	36	22	17.9	16	35	20.4	30	558	250	308	154	10.3
Watertown,	7,788	27	18.	18	18	9 2	9	9	7.8	8	1	1.	1	138	58	80	33	3.3

NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

Wayland,	2,026	13	10 5	10	7	4.5	4	3	3.	3	3	3.	3	36	19	17	11	1.4
Westford,	2,418	16	13.7	12	10	7.7	6	6	6.	6	–	–	–	31	14	17	7	1.1
Weston,	1,710	7	7.	7	3	3.	3	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	8	3	5	6	1.7
Wilmington,	1,420	6	5.2	5	2	2.	2	4	3.2	3	–	–	–	13	5	8	2	1.5
Winchester,	6,150	13	8 8	–	–	–	–	4	3.	–	9	5.8	–	136	56	80	30	5.4
Woburn,	14,178	107	68.3	70	72	38.8	37	26	20 7	24	13	8.8	9	664	319	345	216	10.1
Total,	499,217	2,982	1,845.8	1,782	1,978	1,065.4	1,001	664	519.9	532	392	260.5	249	11,314	5,073	6,241	3,410	152.
NANTUCKET.																		
Nantucket,	3,016	40	31.9	31	30	24.	23	8	5.9	7	2	2.	2	110	36	74	68	–
NORFOLK.																		
Avon,	1,626	7	6.	6	§3	2.	2	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	8	3	5	3	.3
Bellingham,	1,481	8	6.	7	8	6.	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	14	8	6	2	.6
Braintree,	5,311	19	16.1	16	15	12.1	12	4	4.	4	–	–	–	74	30	44	28	2.6
Brookline,	16,164	40	31.9	36	10	7.5	8	21	19 1	20	9	5.3	8	98	40	58	68	9.6
Canton,	4,636	38	25 6	22	25	13.1	10	12	11.5	11	1	1.	1	96	41	55	66	3.1
Cohasset,	2,474	17	15.1	15	11	8.1	9	5	5.	5	3	2.	1	90	37	53	40	2.1
Dedham,	7,211	29	22.3	24	13	7.9	10	16	14.1	14	1	.3	–	140	54	86	84	4.5
Dover,	668	2	1.5	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1.5	2	–	–	–	–	–
Foxborough,	3,219	7	4.4	3	5	2.7	2	2	1.7	1	–	–	–	31	13	18	8	.4
Franklin,	5,136	23	13.4	12	18	8.4	7	5	5.	5	–	–	–	109	52	57	65	.7
Holbrook,	2,298	14	13.3	13	–	–	–	4	3.3	3	10	10.	10	30	20	10	24	2.3
Hyde Park,	11,826	15	12.5	12	–	–	–	12	10.	10	3	2.5	2	96	40	56	62	7.9
Medfield,	1,872	11	8.4	9	8	5.8	6	2	1.6	2	1	1.	1	6	2	4	3	1.
Medway,	2,913	25	22.5	23	18	16.1	17	5	5.	5	2	1.4	1	123	63	60	45	.8
Millis,	1,006	5	3.2	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	3.2	4	12	4	8	5	1.8
Milton,	5,518	18	16.3	16	8	6.3	6	7	7.	7	3	3.	3	59	18	41	21	4.2
Needham,	3,511	9	6.7	7	4	2.	2	2	2.	2	3	2.7	3	60	21	39	20	1.8
Norfolk,	882	4	3.2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3 2	3	20	11	9	10	1.
Norwood,	4,574	7	5.1	6	–	–	–	5	4.4	5	2	.7	1	86	40	46	50	5.9
Quincy,	20,712	41	31.4	32	16	12.7	10	22	17 3	20	3	1.4	2	334	146	188	40	5.8
Randolph,	3,694	33	22.4	23	15	8.1	8	12	11.	11	6	3.3	4	173	71	102	55	4.8
Sharon,	1,717	8	4.3	6	5	1.3	4	3	3.	2	–	–	–	13	2	11	7	1.7

* In Malden and Brockton. † In Harvard. ‡ In Boston, Cambridge, Malden and Peabody. § In Stoughton.

TABLE I. — PART II. — NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Population in 1895.	PERSONS FULLY SUPPORTED DURING THE YEAR.												PERSONS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		AGGREGATES.			IN ALMSHOUSES.			IN LUNATIC HOSPITALS.			ELSEWHERE.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
NORFOLK — Con.																		
Stoughton,	5,272	27	23.5	21	12	8 5	6	11	11.	11	4	4.	4	114	41	73	45	2.4
Walpole,	2,994	8	7.1	7	4	3.1	3	3	3.	3	1	1.	1	39	17	22	16	2.6
Wellesley,	4,229	19	16.4	15	9	7.1	6	6	6.	6	4	3.3	3	19	10	9	10	2.5
Weymouth,	11,291	65	50.2	54	40	28.9	32	15	12.5	13	10	8.8	9	285	124	161	131	4.8
Wrentham,	2,584	18	16.1	15	13	11.2	11	4	4.	4	1	.9	–	20	10	10	29	1 2
Total,	134,819	517	404.9	409	260	178.9	178	179	162.5	165	81	63 5	66	2,149	918	1,231	937	76.3
PLYMOUTH.																		
Abington,	4,207	13	13.	13	–	–	–	7	7.	7	6	6.	6	201	84	117	169	5.3
Bridgewater,	4,686	17	15.8	13	13	11.8	9	4	4.	4	–	–	–	84	33	51	34	.1
Brockton,	33,165	113	52.9	59	89	35.7	40	18	13.2	16	7	4.	3	731	323	408	264	3 7
Carver,	1,016	12	10.5	10	1	1.	1	2	2.	2	9	7.5	7	19	7	12	13	.4
Duxbury,	1,966	12	10.3	10	7	6.1	5	5	4.2	5	–	–	–	53	26	27	15	.7
East Bridgewater,	2,894	17	13.1	12	12	8.1	7	5	5.	5	–	–	–	15	6	9	11	2.1
Halifax,	497	1	1.	1	–	–	–	1	1.	1	–	–	–	17	8	9	5	.6
Hanover,	2,051	11	10.5	11	8	7.5	8	3	3.	3	–	–	–	52	24	28	25	1.8
Hanson,	1,380	11	7.9	7	8	5.2	4	3	2.4	3	1	.3	–	43	15	28	19	1.4
Hingham,	4,819	21	13.3	12	17	9.9	10	3	2.9	2	1	.5	–	150	62	88	67	.1
Hull,	1,044	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	21	14	7	2	–
Kingston,	1,746	7	6.3	7	–	–	–	5	4.8	5	2	1.5	2	18	9	9	9	1.
Lakeville,	870	5	5.	5	–	–	–	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	11	6	5	6	–
Marion,	759	5	3 8	4	*1	.6	1	2	1.2	1	2	2.	2	2	1	1	2	.9
Marshfield,	1,760	10	8.7	10	7	5.4	6	2	1.3	2	2	2.	2	23	13	10	10	.8

Mattapoisett,	1,032	5	4.5	4	5	4.5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	7	8	7	.2
Middleborough,	6,689	32	29.8	29	19	16.9	17	12	10.9	10	2	2.	2	116	43	73	38	1.5
Norwell,	1,540	10	8.5	9	6	4.5	5	3	3.	3	1	1.	1	56	27	29	14	.3
Pembroke,	1,223	11	8.5	9	9	6 5	7	2	2.	2	-	-	-	28	16	12	12	.3
Plymouth,	7,957	41	33.2	33	18	13.3	13	23	18.9	19	1	1.	1	198	99	99	50	1.2
Plympton,	549	1	1.	1	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	12	4	8	5	.2
Rochester,	1,021	8	7.	6	7	6.	5	1	1.	1	-	-	-	33	17	16	6	.4
Rockland,	5,523	29	21.7	24	16	11.5	13	10	7.9	8	3	2.3	3	186	69	117	33	1 9
Scituate,	2,246	5	5.	5	-	-	-	2	2.	2	3	3.	3	39	13	26	25	.8
Wareham,	3,367	13	9.9	10	12	8.9	9	1	1.	1	-	-	-	161	66	95	38	.4
West Bridgewater,	1,747	9	9.	9	6	6.	6	2	2.	2	1	1.	1	70	33	37	12	.3
Whitman,	5,744	16	14.8	15	-	-	-	3	2.2	3	13	12.6	12	108	53	55	34	3.6
Total,	101,498	435	325.	328	261	169.4	170	123	106.9	111	56	48.7	47	2,462	1,079	1,383	925	30.
SUFFOLK.																		
Boston,	496,920	4,410	2,654.7	2,929	2,134	967.8	1,137	1,470	1,244.3	1,235	808	442.6	557	10,176	3,895	6,281	2,829	66.
Chelsea,	31,264	72	51.5	55	†1	1.	1	43	30.7	28	29	19.8	26	1,876	813	1,063	196	6.7
Revere,	7,423	8	6.8	6	-	-	-	7	6.2	6	1	.6	-	73	39	34	20	.8
Winthrop,	4,192	2	2.	2	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-	-	27	9	18	8	-
Total,	539,799	4,492	2,715.	2,992	2,135	968.8	1,138	1,522	1,283.2	1,271	838	463.	583	12,152	4,756	7,396	3,053	73.5
WORCESTER.																		
Ashburnham,	2,148	14	13.5	14	11	10.5	11	3	3.	3	-	-	-	83	46	37	6	.2
Athol,	7,364	13	11.5	11	8	6.5	6	5	5.	5	-	-	-	131	64	67	37	1.9
Auburn,	1,598	1	1.	1	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	20	11	9	2	.1
Barre,	2,278	16	11 6	8	12	8 1	6	-	-	-	4	3.5	2	62	25	37	28	.4
Berlin,	897	6	6.	6	-	-	-	3	1.1	3	5	4.9	3	22	10	12	7	1.3
Blackstone,	6,039	54	47.6	48	33	26.6	27	8	8.	8	13	13.	13	125	60	65	55	2.1
Bolton,	797	7	5 5	5	7	5 5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	2	.2
Boylston,	729	7	6.9	7	4	3.9	4	2	2.	2	-	-	-	9	6	3	2	.4
Brookfield,	3,279	16	10.7	10	12	6.7	6	3	3.	3	1	1.	1	96	39	57	32	.9
Charlton,	1,877	14	11.6	13	12	9.6	11	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	46	17	29	4	.7
Clinton,	11,497	57	40.2	48	22	11.4	10	25	20.1	22	16	8.7	16	288	137	151	180	7.8
Dana,	717	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	4	7	6	.1
Douglas,	2,026	8	7.3	8	7	6.3	7	-	-	-	1	1.	1	106	49	57	22	2.4

* In New Bedford.

† In Boston.

TABLE I. — PART II. — NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED — Concluded.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Population in 1895.	PERSONS FULLY SUPPORTED DURING THE YEAR.												PERSONS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		AGGREGATES.			IN ALMSHOUSES.			IN LUNATIC HOSPITALS.			ELSEWHERE.							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.	
WORCESTER — Con.																		
Dudley,	3,203	22	13.3	14	17	8.4	10	5	4.9	4	–	–	–	166	85	81	35	.5
Fitchburg,	26,409	156	90.2	89	131	73.2	74	13	8.	8	15	9.	7	1,047	495	552	355	6.6
Gardner,	9,182	32	21.6	18	29	17.6	15	5	4.	3	–	–	–	456	215	241	103	3.4
Grafton,	5,101	31	25.3	24	21	16.8	16	7	5.7	6	3	2.8	2	128	54	74	11	3.2
Hardwick,	2,655	15	10.6	10	11	7.1	6	3	3.	3	1	.5	1	59	33	26	16	.5
Harvard,	1,162	6	5.	5	5	3.8	4	2	1.2	1	–	–	–	8	4	4	2	.7
Holden,	2,602	4	3.5	3	4	3.5	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	48	19	29	7	1.5
Hopedale,	1,377	4	4.	4	*2	2.	2	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	4	1	3	1	1.4
Hubbardston,	1,274	11	8.1	9	†9	6.1	7	2	2.	2	–	–	–	12	8	4	3	.4
Lancaster,	2,180	31	20.1	23	24	12.	13	3	2.6	3	9	5.5	7	59	28	31	21	1.1
Leicester,	3,239	22	15.9	18	17	12.4	13	5	3.5	5	–	–	–	79	33	46	7	1.8
Leominster,	9,211	30	26.5	24	16	14.7	10	12	10.	12	2	1.8	2	132	43	89	42	3.3
Lunenburg,	1,237	13	9.9	10	11	7.9	8	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	11	5	6	4	.1
Mendon,	889	3	2.1	2	–	–	–	2	2.	2	1	.1	–	15	5	10	5	1.
Milford,	8,959	27	53.5	56	61	40.	43	16	13.5	13	–	–	–	318	152	166	137	3.7
Millbury,	5,222	20	14.1	17	9	4.4	6	11	9.7	11	–	–	–	198	70	128	82	4.2
New Braintree,	542	2	2.	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2.	2	2	2	–	1	.1
Northborough,	1,940	10	9.3	10	5	3.5	4	3	3.	3	3	2.8	3	27	18	9	20	1.3
Northbridge,	5,286	22	16.6	14	13	6.9	5	10	8.7	8	1	1.	1	94	42	52	9	.3
North Brookfield,	4,635	18	14.	13	12	8.	7	5	5.	5	1	1.	1	111	60	52	46	.9
Oakham,	605	4	4.	4	†2	2.	2	–	–	–	2	2.	2	14	5	9	8	.4
Oxford,	2,390	21	18.8	19	15	12.9	12	5	4.6	5	2	1.3	2	113	56	57	30	.9
Paxton,	426	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	.2
Petersham,	952	6	4.1	4	5	3.1	3	1	1.	1	–	–	–	19	9	10	7	–

NUMBERS SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED.

Phillipston,	460	7	7.	7	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	6	12	6	6	6	- .3
Princeton,	952	2	2.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	6	3	3	3	.3
Royalston,	890	4	3.7	4	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.7	3	18	9	9	9	-
Rutland,	978	12	6.2	6	+9	4.1	4	-	-	-	3	2.1	2	12	6	6	2	.1
Shrewsbury,	1,524	7	6.6	5	5	4.7	4	3	1.9	1	-	-	-	14	8	6	6	1.
Southborough,	2,223	11	9.5	9	-	-	-	2	2.	2	6	6.5	8	34	12	22	10	1.7
Southbridge,	8,250	37	28.9	28	23	17.	16	14	11.9	12	-	-	-	269	123	146	48	2.2
Spencer,	7,614	31	15.3	12	27	12.	11	6	3.3	1	-	-	-	313	127	186	79	1.6
Sterling,	1,218	10	9.7	9	8	7.7	7	2	2.	2	-	-	-	7	3	4	3	.1
Sturbridge,	1,910	19	11.2	18	11	8.3	10	-	-	-	8	2.9	8	34	17	17	14	.4
Sutton,	3,420	24	20.8	20	21	17.8	17	2	2.	2	1	1.	1	86	38	48	15	.3
Templeton,	2,915	9	9.	9	6	6.	6	2	2.	2	1	1.	1	24	13	11	1	.4
Upton,	2,150	7	5.9	6	4	3.2	3	3	2.7	2	-	-	-	14	4	10	11	1.
Uxbridge,	3,546	18	15.3	16	12	9.4	11	6	5.9	5	-	-	-	78	32	46	24	5.9
Warren,	4,450	19	14.1	13	17	12.1	11	2	2.	2	-	-	-	112	54	58	16	-
Webster,	7,799	36	29.3	25	23	17.5	15	13	11.8	10	-	-	-	515	225	290	133	4.7
Westborough,	5,235	22	20.7	21	15	13.7	14	7	7.	7	-	-	-	40	21	19	15	4.7
West Boylston,	2,968	7	5.2	5	3	1.7	1	3	2.5	3	1	1.	1	106	47	59	2	1.
West Brookfield,	1,467	10	7.7	8	7	4.8	6	3	2.9	2	-	-	-	47	19	28	27	.8
Westminster,	1,315	5	3.	3	+4	2.7	3	-	-	-	1	.3	-	39	16	23	17	1.
Winchendon,	4,490	36	16.2	17	29	10.7	12	6	4.5	4	1	1.	1	158	77	81	23	1.9
Worcester,	98,767	316	208.8	210	267	176.7	184	45	25.2	20	27	6.9	6	1,823	908	915	242	19.8
Total,	306,445	1,423	1,023.	1,024	1,039	692.5	692	284	230.2	224	149	100.3	108	7,885	3,680	4,205	2,039	104.9

* In Milford and Westborough.

† In Holden.

SUMMARY OF COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	Population in 1895.	Persons Fully Supported during the Year.												Persons Partially Supported.				Daily Average of Vagrancy.
		Aggregates.			In Almshouses.			In Lunatic Hospitals.			Elsewhere.*							
		Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. March 31, 1896.	Whole No.	Males.	Females.	Approximate Average No.†	
Barnstable,	27,654	180	152.9	152	103	86.9	85	58	48.2	48	22	17.8	19	745	356	389	350	.9
Berkshire,	86,292	463	354.5	353	155	86.	90	117	102.2	105	194	166.3	158	1,547	696	851	471	25.4
Bristol,	219,019	1,572	744.6	778	1,107	383.3	422	401	313.2	311	75	48.1	45	6,962	3,192	3,770	2,132	46.8
Dukes,	4,238	25	18.3	16	-	-	-	3	3.	3	22	15.3	13	22	8	14	6	-
Essex,	330,393	1,909	1,318.2	1,367	1,054	644.8	681	620	483.5	487	264	189.9	199	8,807	3,735	5,072	3,277	70.2
Franklin,	40,145	187	156.7	163	66	55.6	55	74	60.7	64	49	40.4	44	577	274	303	228	6.8
Hampden,	152,938	844	540.6	566	577	334.6	361	183	133.2	136	98	72.8	69	4,829	2,141	2,688	1,135	23.4
Hampshire,	54,710	287	228.9	229	113	78.1	77	98	85.5	89	79	65.3	63	1,133	531	602	340	12.5
Middlesex,	499,217	2,982	1,845.8	1,782	1,978	1,065.4	1,001	664	519.9	532	392	260.5	249	11,314	5,073	6,241	3,410	152.
Nantucket,	3,016	40	31.9	31	30	24.	22	8	5.9	7	2	2.	2	110	36	74	68	-
Norfolk,	134,819	517	404.9	409	260	178.9	178	179	162.5	165	81	63.5	66	2,149	918	1,231	937	76.3
Plymouth,	101,498	435	325.	328	261	169.4	170	123	106.9	111	56	48.7	47	2,462	1,079	1,383	925	30.
Suffolk,	539,799	4,492	2,715.	2,992	2,135	968.8	1,138	1,522	1,283.2	1,271	838	463.	583	12,152	4,756	7,396	3,053	73.5
Worcester,	306,445	1,423	1,023.	1,024	1,039	692.5	692	284	230.2	224	149	100.3	108	7,885	3,680	4,205	2,039	104.9
Total,	2,500,183	15,356	9,860.3	10,190	8,878	4,768.3	4,972	4,334	3,538.1	3,553	2,321	1,553.9	1,665	60,694	26,475	34,219	18,371	622.7

* Distributed as follows: — Whole Number in School for Feeble-Minded, 175; in other institutions, 1,170; in private families, 976.
Average Number in School for Feeble-Minded, 163.4; in other institutions, 604.3; in private families, 786.2.
Number March 31, 1896, in School for Feeble-Minded, 162; in other institutions, 730; in private families, 773.

† Really the mean between the numbers reported at midwinter and at midsummer.

Note. — Of the 15,357 persons who received full support within the year, 864 died, 580 of them in the almshouses. Of the 60,694 persons (excluding vagrants) who received partial support, 26,114 are reported as children under 16 years of age; 13,431 had settlements in the towns where relief was given, 9,200 were settled in other places in the State, and 38,063 had no known settlement. Vagrants (acts of vagraney) reported, number 227,465, and cost the community directly $28,626, besides adding $9,079 to the current expenses of the almshouses for entertainment of the 48,718 tramps lodged thereat. In this number, 351 women are reported.

TABLE II. — PAUPERISM OF THE CITIES AND TOWNS. NUMBERS AND COST, 1876–1896.

YEARS.	COST AND AVERAGE OF FULL SUPPORT.					PARTIAL SUPPORT.		Other Expenses, including Administration.	AGGREGATES.		Reimbursements by States and Towns.	Net Cost of Pauper Support and Relief.	VAGRANCY.	
	Expense at Almshouse.	Expense at Lunatic Hospital.	Expense elsewhere.	Total Expense.	Average No. Supported.	Expenses.	Approximate Average No. Relieved.		Expenses.	Average No.			No. of Cases.	Expenses.
1876-7, . .	$453,835	$245,046	$99,496	$798,377	5,642	$728,163	21,523	$86,215	$1,612,755	27,165	$161,131	$1,451,624	190,704	$54,468
1877-8, . .	450,777	267,590	91,014	809,381	5,921	702,454	20,328	84,868	1,596,703	26,249	162,367	1,434,336	206,133	52,219
1878-9, . .	418,453	286,740	90,612	795,805	6,106	668,954	22,708	88,261	1,553,020	28,814	168,043	1,384,977	162,012	40,151
1879-80, . .	407,876	286,497	90,604	784,977	6,222	638,199	18,387	85,821	1,508,997	24,609	176,095	1,332,902	154,164	21,096
1880-1, . .	410,668	339,798	91,848	842,314	6,344	610,247	15,528	79,120	1,531,681	21,872	138,018	1,393,663	58,500	21,996
1881-2, . .	446,706	369,296	91,752	907,754	6,689	608,436	14,204	87,071	1,603,261	20,893	138,908	1,464,353	47,857	19,416
1882-3, . .	497,760	401,471	97,472	996,703	6,946	600,435	15,595	95,818	1,692,956	22,541	143,575	1,549,381	59,315	21,775
1883-4, . .	503,525	409,447	101,498	1,014,470	7,109	629,387	15,751	106,905	1,750,762	22,860	151,951	1,598,811	91,761	27,398
1884-5, . .	521,421	412,554	153,838	1,087,813	7,521	663,886	17,488	116,780	1,868,479	25,009	160,435	1,708,044	132,015	27,739
1885-6, . .	509,382	415,540	164,506	1,089,428	7,765	675,742	17,643	129,000	1,894,170	25,408	162,826	1,731,344	138,452	28,299
1886-7, . .	504,189	436,856	171,775	1,112,820	7,856	639,994	16,501	129,839	1,882,653	24,357	153,458	1,729,195	131,945	30,742
1887-8, . .	517,035	436,171	167,472	1,120,678	7,989	647,627	16,883	137,798	1,906,103	24,872	160,008	1,746,095	136,630	32,274
1888-9, . .	571,718	431,410	179,356	1,182,484	8,419	685,225	16,681	141,383	2,009,092	25,100	170,733	1,838,359	156,964	36,878
1889-90, . .	507,127	468,121	184,037	1,159,285	8,629	670,379	15,337	155,753	1,985,417	23,966	179,776	1,805,641	156,039	36,541
1890-1, . .	513,650	466,213	196,072	1,175,935	8,480	635,172	16,381	173,620	1,984,727	24,861	177,665	1,807,062	142,794	35,201
1891-2, . .	535,901	477,328	195,809	1,209,038	8,535	666,766	16,583	188,023	2,063,827	25,118	189,330	1,874,497	145,339	32,375
1892-3, . .	546,023	498,066	198,039	1,242,128	8,804	655,606	16,513	183,268	2,081,002	25,317	172,561	1,908,641	138,296	30,480
1893-4, . .	558,622	512,302	235,545	1,306,469	9,217	700,453	19,914	151,226	2,158,148	29,131	176,076	1,982,072	226,679	36,569
1894-5, . .	586,441	533,206	245,176	1,364,823	9,821	851,952	22,440	160,833	2,377,608	32,261	211,803	2,165,805	288,742	41,807
1895-6, . .	610,955	593,803	260,475	1,465,233	9,860	786,307	18,371	177,210	2,428,750	28,231	227,730	2,201,020	227,465	37,705
Aggregate, .	$10,072,064	$8,287,455	$3,106,396	$21,465,915	–	$13,465,384	–	$2,558,812	$37,490,111	–	$3,382,289	$34,107,822	2,991,816	665,729
Yearly Average,	$503,603	$414,373	$155,320	$1,073,296	7,694	$673,269	17,738	$127,940	$1,874,505	25,432	$169,114	$1,705,391	149,591	$33,286

NOTE. — The average number receiving partial support represents the mean between the largest and the smallest number aided at different periods. It is not a daily average. Previous to 1893-4 the amounts reported under the head of administrative expenses doubtless contained considerable sums expended for permanent improvement at the almshouses; the figures given for 1893-6 are intended to show only current expenses.

CENSUS OF PAUPERISM (1895–1896).

TABLE III. — *Showing by Counties the Number of Persons reported by the Overseers of the Poor as Supported or Relieved at Different Dates.*

COUNTIES.	JAN. 1, 1895.					JULY 1, 1895.					JAN. 1, 1896.					JULY 1, 1896.				
	Full Support.	Partial Support.	Vagrants.	Total.	Insane.	Full Support.	Partial Support.	Vagrants.	Total.	Insane.	Full Support.	Partial Support.	Vagrants.	Total.	Insane.	Full Support.	Partial Support.	Vagrants.	Total.	Insane.
Barnstable,	144	376	–	520	80	144	338	–	482	82	167	386	–	553	85	158	355	–	513	83
Berkshire,	395	615	77	1,087	140	337	439	5	781	140	355	521	78	954	141	356	494	3	853	141
Bristol,	763	2,898	142	3,803	382	758	1,865	19	2,642	387	776	2,396	68	3,240	381	709	1,813	12	2,534	387
Dukes,	21	4	–	25	3	19	–	–	19	4	17	–	–	17	4	10	3	–	13	3
Essex,	1,358	3,761	105	5,224	679	1,322	2,620	7	3,949	701	1,347	3,917	131	5,395	705	1,356	2,749	12	4,117	699
Franklin,	154	213	14	381	79	153	172	4	329	81	160	267	22	449	83	161	205	4	370	81
Hampden,	586	1,278	105	1,969	237	499	1,012	9	1,520	243	552	1,478	30	2,060	264	567	922	7	1,496	267
Hampshire,	237	396	17	650	113	225	327	2	554	117	232	342	30	604	110	236	302	–	538	120
Middlesex,	1,685	4,267	281	6,233	705	1,562	2,550	46	4,158	758	1,771	4,172	266	6,209	785	1,605	2,820	22	4,447	801
Nantucket,	37	102	–	139	12	36	59	–	95	7	32	77	–	109	9	30	61	–	91	9
Norfolk,	413	1,010	123	1,546	193	395	842	23	1,260	167	375	995	119	1,489	188	399	954	32	1,385	203
Plymouth,	314	1,129	50	1,493	142	316	780	4	1,100	144	351	1,081	42	1,474	164	333	698	2	1,033	156
Suffolk,	2,888	3,627	170	6,685	1,362	2,545	2,692	82	5,319	1,422	2,642	3,416	119	6,177	1,245	2,644	2,300	80	5,024	1,428
Worcester,	1,046	2,717	191	3,954	442	979	1,671	19	2,669	409	1,036	2,388	158	3,582	426	979	1,860	20	2,859	438
Total,	10,041	22,393	1,275	33,709	4,569	9,290	15,367	220	24,877	4,662	9,813	21,436	1,063	32,312	4,590	9,543	15,536	194	25,273	4,816
Viz., Cities,	6,913	15,891	625	23,429	3,221	6,270	10,691	112	17,073	3,332	6,334	14,291	396	21,021	3,045	6,158	9,285	108	15,551	3,227
Towns,	3,128	6,502	650	10,280	1,348	3,020	4,686	108	7,815	1,330	3,479	7,145	667	11,291	1,545	3,385	6,251	86	9,722	1,589
Add State Paupers,	3,087	*	–	3,087	1,450	2,940	*	–	2,940	1,558	3,228	*	–	3,228	1,483	3,147	*	–	3,147	1,549
Aggregate of State and Town Paupers,	13,128	22,393	1,275	36,796	6,019	12,230	15,367	220	27,817	6,220	13,041	21,436	1,063	35,540	6,073	12,690	15,536	194	28,420	6,365

* Included in the numbers reported by cities and towns, through which the aid is rendered.

CHILDREN, IDIOTS AND INSANE.

TABLE IV. — *Statistics of Children under 16, and Idiotic and Insane Persons among the Paupers Fully Supported within the Year ending March 31, 1896.*

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	CHILDREN UNDER 16.			IDIOTIC.			INSANE.				
	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Alms-houses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Alms-houses.	Elsewhere.
BARNSTABLE.											
Barnstable,	2	2	-	5	5.	5	11	9.	5	1	-
Bourne,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.9	2	1	-
Brewster,	-	-	-	4	4.	4	4	4.	4	-	-
Chatham,	-	-	-	1	.7	1	4	4.	4	-	-
Dennis,	1	1	-	1	1.	1	4	1.6	2	-	-
Eastham,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Falmouth,	1	-	1	2	2.	2	6	5.8	5	-	-
Harwich,	1	1	-	3	3.	3	5	5.	5	-	-
Mashpee,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.9	1	-	-
Orleans,	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	2.	1	-	1
Provincetown,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	11	9.1	9	-	1
Sandwich,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	18	14.4	5	10	-
Truro,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Wellfleet,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.8	1	-	-
Yarmouth,	1	1	-	1	1.	1	5	4.6	2	3	-
Total,	8	5	3	23	22.7	23	79	66.3	48	15	2
BERKSHIRE.											
Adams,	2	2	-	-	-	-	12	10.2	9	-	-
Alford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Becket,	4	-	4	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	-	-
Cheshire,	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	3.	1	-	2
Clarksburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	.2	1	-	-
Dalton,	6	-	5	2	2.	2	6	6.	6	-	-
Egremont,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.7	1	-	2
Florida,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Great Barrington,	4	-	4	3	2.6	2	10	10.	10	-	-
Hancock,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hinsdale,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Lanesborough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee,	2	-	2	5	5.	5	7	7.	4	2	1
Lenox,	4	-	2	-	-	-	4	4.	4	-	-
Monterey,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	3	3.	3	-	-
Mount Washington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Ashford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Marlborough,	-	-	-	1	.5	-	2	2.	2	-	-
North Adams,	12	-	-	2	2.	2	20	17.	15	1	1
Otis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	.8	1	-	-
Pittsfield,	13	-	7	4	4.	4	36	25.1	14	13	-
Richmond,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Sandisfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	-	-

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Table IV. — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES	Children under 16.			Idiotic.			Insane.				
	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Alms-houses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Alms-houses.	Elsewhere.
Berkshire — Con.											
Savoy,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	2	1.3	1	-	-
Sheffield,	1	-	-	1	1.	1	6	4.6	6	-	-
Stockbridge,	1	-	1	1	1.	1	7	6.4	5	-	-
Tyringham,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	2	1.8	-	-	-
Washington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
West Stockbridge,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Williamstown,	2	1	-	1	1.	1	10	9.2	8	-	-
Windsor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	52	3	26	30	29.1	28	149	128.3	105	16	6
Bristol.											
Acushnet,	-	-	-	1	.1	-	3	2.4	2	-	-
Attleborough,	1	-	1	3	3.	3	12	9.6	9	1	-
Berkley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	1	1	-
Dartmouth,	1	1	-	-	-	-	7	7.	7	-	-
Dighton,	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Easton,	2	-	-	2	2.	2	15	14.3	11	2	-
Fairhaven,	4	4	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	4	2	-
Fall River,	155	32	26	14	11.1	11	182	134.6	130	6	3
Freetown,	2	1	1	4	4.	4	1	1.	1	-	-
Mansfield,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	3	2.3	3	-	-
New Bedford,	15	6	-	9	8.1	8	95	74.	57	9	-
No. Attleborough,	-	-	-	1	.1	1	8	8.1	7	-	-
Norton,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	-	-
Raynham,	3	-	-	1	1.	1	2	1.1	1	-	-
Rehoboth,	1	-	-	2	1.9	1	3	3.	3	-	-
Seekonk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	2	1	-
Somerset,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	9	7.8	5	3	-
Swanzey,	-	-	-	2	1.2	1	4	4.	2	2	-
Taunton,	19	6	3	5	2.5	3	81	66.7	60	6	-
Westport,	4	1	3	2	2.	2	7	4.7	2	4	-
Total,	208	51	35	51	42.	42	447	355.6	311	37	3
Dukes.											
Chilmark,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottage City,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edgartown,	2	-	1	1	.1	1	4	4.	3	-	1
Gay Head,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gosnold,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tisbury,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
West Tisbury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total,	2	-	2	1	1.1	2	4	4.	3	-	1
Essex.											
Amesbury,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	15	14.7	11	2	1
Andover,	5	2	3	-	-	-	18	17.6	10	6	-
Beverly,	5	-	2	12	9.9	11	20	19.7	10	10	-
Boxford,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	2	1	-
Bradford,	2	-	2	-	-	-	4	4.	4	-	-
Danvers,	4	-	3	4	4.	4	21	18.1	19	-	1
Essex,	-	-	-	3	2.5	3	3	3.	2	1	-
Georgetown,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	5	5.	2	2	-
Gloucester,	5	-	2	7	5.6	5	57	45.3	38	12	-
Groveland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2.9	2	1	-

TABLE IV. — Continued.

TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	CHILDREN UNDER 16.			IDIOTIC.			INSANE.				
		Remaining Mar 31, 1896.							Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
	No. in the Year.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.
ESSEX — Con.											
Hamilton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.1	1	-	-
Haverhill,	32	8	4	11	8.5	8	67	41.9	27	18	-
Ipswich,	3	-	1	3	2.5	3	6	6.	-	6	-
Lawrence,	34	10	11	5	4.	3	191	151.2	96	61	1
Lynn,	49	4	32	6	6.	6	142	119.3	106	10	-
Lynnfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Manchester,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Marblehead,	4	1	3	5	4.6	5	12	10.5	8	3	1
Merrimac,	1	-	1	2	2.	2	4	3.9	3	-	-
Methuen,	5	1	1	1	1.	1	16	13.8	15	-	-
Middleton,	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	.2	-	-	-
Nahant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Newbury,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	1	-	2
Newburyport,	3	2	-	3	2.	3	47	40.3	30	7	1
North Andover,	-	-	-	4	4.	4	6	5.3	6	-	-
Peabody,	10	2	1	2	2.	2	28	24.	23	-	-
Rockport,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	14	12.	9	2	-
Rowley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.5	1	-	1
Salem,	53	3	50	1	1.	1	88	73.1	33	47	-
Salisbury,	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Saugus,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	12	10.4	9	-	-
Swampscott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	7.1	8	-	-
Topsfield,	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Wenham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Newbury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5.	4	1	-
Total,	220	34	120	80	70.6	72	814	670.9	487	190	8
FRANKLIN.											
Ashfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Bernardston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Buckland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	7.9	3	5	-
Charlemont,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.8	2	-	1
Colrain,	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	2.	2	-	-
Conway,	2	-	2	3	3.	3	4	3.4	3	-	-
Deerfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4.5	2	2	-
Erving,	1	-	1	1	1.	1	2	2.	2	-	-
Gill,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.1	1	-	-
Greenfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	10.3	9	1	1
Hawley,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heath,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.1	2	2	-
Leverett,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Leyden,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Monroe,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Montague,	1	1	-	5	5.	5	6	5.1	6	-	-
New Salem,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.5	1	1	-
Northfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.6	3	-	-
Orange,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	5	4.9	2	3	-
Rowe,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.	1	-	-
Shelburne,	1	-	1	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-
Shutesbury,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	3	3.	3	-	-
Sunderland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.1	2	-	-
Warwick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Wendell,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2.9	4	-	-
Whately,	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	1.3	1	-	-
Total,	10	1	9	16	16.	16	90	76.5	64	14	2

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TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	CHILDREN UNDER 16.			IDIOTIC.			INSANE.				
	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.
HAMPDEN.											
Agawam,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4.4	4	1	-
Blandford,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	-	-	1
Brimfield,	2	1	-	1	1.	1	2	1.8	-	1	-
Chester,	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.9	1	-	-
Chicopee,	9	-	5	-	-	-	36	33.2	29	4	1
East Longmeadow,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1.9	1	-	-
Granville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.5	2	-	1
Hampden,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Holland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Holyoke,	36	2	25	2	1.8	1	75	57.2	33	28	-
Longmeadow,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ludlow,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	-	1
Monson,	1	-	-	3	3.	3	12	8.4	4	6	-
Montgomery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Palmer,	4	-	-	4	2.1	2	14	12.3	5	8	-
Russell,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.5	2	-	-
Southwick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.6	2	-	-
Springfield,	19	1	4	7	4.6	4	101	80.2	22	64	-
Tolland,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-
Wales,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	4	4.	1	-	3
Westfield,	-	-	-	3	2.1	2	29	21.6	15	3	-
West Springfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	8	7.6	7	-	-
Wilbraham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	-	1
Total,	78	4	34	24	18.6	17	312	252.1	136	115	8
HAMPSHIRE.											
Amherst,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	9	8.	6	1	-
Belchertown,	6	2	-	-	-	-	4	3.5	1	1	-
Chesterfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.3	2	-	-
Cummington,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	3	3.	2	-	1
Easthampton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	15.3	8	7	1
Enfield,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	5	5.	4	-	1
Goshen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Granby,	6	-	3	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-
Greenwich,	2	-	2	1	1.	1	1	.1	-	-	-
Hadley,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	4.9	5	-	-
Hatfield,	3	2	1	-	-	-	4	4.	4	-	-
Huntington,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	-	-
Middlefield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Northampton,	1	-	-	2	1.3	2	26	19.4	15	6	-
Pelham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Plainfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.5	3	-	-
Prescott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Southampton,	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	.9	1	-	-
South Hadley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	9.7	10	-	-
Ware,	1	-	-	3	3.	3	14	14.	14	-	-
Westhampton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Williamsburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.7	1	-	1
Worthington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5.	3	-	2
Total,	20	4	6	16	15.3	16	125	110.3	89	15	6
MIDDLESEX.											
Acton,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	2	1	-
Arlington,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	4	-	2
Ashby,	3	3	-	2	2.	2	2	2.	1	1	-
Ashland,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	5	3.4	1	2	1
Ayer,	1	1	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	2	1	-

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	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.
MIDDLESEX — Con.											
Bedford,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	3	.8	1	-	-
Belmont,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Billerica,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	4	3.4	2	2	-
Boxborough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Burlington,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridge,	93	10	27	22	19.1	17	195	155.9	129	25	7
Carlisle,	-	-	-	2	1.5	2	-	-	-	-	-
Chelmsford,	3	3	-	1	1.	1	9	7.5	4	4	-
Concord,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6.	6	-	-
Dracut,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.7	4	-	-
Dunstable,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.5	-	-	1
Everett,	3	-	1	1	1.	1	14	11.5	11	-	-
Framingham,	1	-	-	-	-	-	13	8.9	7	1	-
Groton,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	3	3.	2	1	-
Holliston,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	9	9.	6	3	-
Hopkinton,	1	-	-	4	4.	4	15	11.3	11	1	-
Hudson,	6	-	4	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Lexington,	1	-	1	1	.5	1	4	2.5	3	-	-
Lincoln,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4.2	3	-	-
Littleton,	3	3	-	1	1.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lowell,	108	38	7	4	3.5	4	208	158.5	57	104	1
Malden,	10	10	2	3	3.	3	44	36.6	33	2	-
Marlborough,	4	1	-	4	3.1	3	31	23.	12	9	-
Maynard,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	4	4.	3	1	-
Medford,	3	-	2	2	.7	1	18	14.1	15	-	-
Melrose,	2	-	-	1	1.	1	18	15.4	15	-	-
Natick,	1	-	1	2	1.2	2	31	23.2	23	1	2
Newton,	2	-	2	1	1.	1	29	25.	21	3	1
North Reading,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	2	2.	1	1	-
Pepperell,	3	2	-	2	1.1	2	7	5.1	5	1	-
Reading,	2	-	1	1	1.	1	5	5.	5	-	-
Sherborn,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	-	1	-
Shirley,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.7	3	-	-
Somerville,	6	-	3	3	3.	3	56	45.9	39	-	4
Stoneham,	6	-	2	2	2.	2	18	14.6	16	-	-
Stow,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Sudbury,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	-	-
Tewksbury,	-	-	-	2	1.	1	5	5.	1	4	-
Townsend,	-	-	-	3	2.7	2	2	2.	-	2	-
Tyngsborough,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-
Wakefield,	2	1	1	3	3.	3	15	13.9	12	2	1
Waltham,	21	-	18	5	3.1	3	41	26.3	16	19	1
Watertown,	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	10.1	8	1	1
Wayland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.	3	1	-
Westford,	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	6.	6	-	-
Weston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	1	1	-
Wilmington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.2	3	-	-
Winchester,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.	-	-	-
Woburn,	8	1	4	3	3.	3	27	21.8	24	1	-
Total,	296	73	76	100	88.5	89	913	741.	532	196	22
NANTUCKET.											
Nantucket,	3	-	2	5	5.	5	12	9.9	7	4	-
NORFOLK.											
Avon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Bellingham,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	1.8	-	2	-

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	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.
NORFOLK — Con.											
Braintree,	-	-	-	4	3.1	3	6	5.6	4	1	-
Brookline,	5	-	5	1	1.	1	21	19.1	20	-	-
Canton,	2	-	-	4	2.	2	13	12.5	11	1	-
Cohasset,	2	2	-	1	1.	1	7	7.	5	2	-
Dedham,	-	-	-	1	.2	1	16	14.1	14	-	-
Dover,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foxborough,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.7	1	-	-
Franklin,	4	-	-	1	1.	1	5	5.	5	-	-
Holbrook,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	4	3.3	3	-	-
Hyde Park,	-	-	-	2	1.7	2	12	10.	10	-	-
Medfield,	2	-	-	1	1.	1	2	1.6	2	-	-
Medway,	1	-	1	1	1.	1	7	7.	5	2	-
Millis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	-	1
Milton,	-	-	-	4	4.	4	7	7.	7	-	-
Needham,	-	-	-	2	1.7	1	2	2.	2	-	-
Norfolk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norwood,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4.4	5	-	-
Quincy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	18.3	20	1	-
Randolph,	7	-	3	-	-	-	15	13.7	11	2	-
Sharon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3.8	2	1	-
Stoughton,	-	-	-	2	1.2	-	12	12.	11	1	-
Walpole,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.	3	-	1
Wellesley,	1	-	-	1	1.	1	9	9.	6	3	-
Weymouth,	2	1	-	8	7.3	8	21	18.5	13	6	-
Wrentham,	3	3	-	2	1.5	1	6	6.	4	2	-
Total,	29	6	9	37	30.7	30	208	189.4	165	24	2
PLYMOUTH.											
Abington,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	7	7.	7	-	-
Bridgewater,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	7	6.1	4	2	-
Brockton,	24	-	1	5	4.6	4	32	26.4	16	11	-
Carver,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Duxbury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5.2	5	1	-
East Bridgewater,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	5	1	-
Halifax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Hanover,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5.6	3	3	-
Hanson,	2	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	-	-
Hingham,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	5	4·4	2	1	-
Hull,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston,	1	-	1	1	1.	1	5	4.8	5	-	-
Lakeville,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-
Marion,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.2	1	-	1
Marshfield,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	-	-
Mattapoisett,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	1	-
Middleborough,	-	-	-	8	7.6	7	15	14.3	10	2	1
Norwell,	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	4.	3	1	-
Pembroke,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	3	3.	2	1	-
Plymouth,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	21.4	19	2	-
Plympton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Rochester,	1	1	-	2	2.	2	3	3.	1	2	-
Rockland,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	10	7.9	8	-	-
Scituate,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Wareham,	2	1	-	1	1.	1	1	1.	1	-	-
West Bridgewater,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	2	1	-
Whitman,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4.2	3	-	2
Total,	31	2	3	31	30.2	29	161	144.5	111	29	4

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TOWNS BY COUNTIES.	Children under 16.			Idiotic.			Insane.				
	No. in the Year.	Remaining Mar 31, 1896.		No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.	No. in the Year.	Average No.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1896.		
		In Alms-houses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic Hospitals.	In Alms-houses	Elsewhere.
SUFFOLK.											
Boston,	633	-	316	72	71.3	72	1,515	1,285.3	1,235	-	36
Chelsea,	2	-	2	2	1.5	2	48	36.6	28	1	5
Revere,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6.2	6	-	-
Winthrop,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Total,	635	-	318	74	72.8	74	1,572	1,330.1	1,271	1	41
WORCESTER.											
Ashburnham,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	5.5	3	3	-
Athol,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5.	5	-	-
Auburn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Barre,	1	-	-	2	2.	2	4	3.4	-	1	1
Berlin,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4.	3	-	1
Blackstone,	9	2	5	-	-	-	10	10.	8	2	-
Bolton,	-	-	-	4	4.	4	1	1.	-	1	-
Boylston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Brookfield,	1	-	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	3	3	-
Charlton,	1	1	-	1	1.	1	2	2.	1	1	-
Clinton,	13	-	13	-	-	-	25	20.1	22	-	-
Dana,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	1	-
Douglas,	-	-	-	3	3.	3	-	-	-	-	-
Dudley,	6	2	-	-	-	-	5	4.9	4	-	-
Fitchburg,	27	-	5	4	3.	3	38	26.5	8	21	-
Gardner,	4	1	-	-	-	-	6	5.9	3	3	-
Grafton,	2	-	-	2	2.	2	8	6.7	6	-	1
Hardwick,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	6.	3	3	-
Harvard,	2	2	-	2	2.	2	2	2.	1	1	-
Holden,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	-	2	-
Hopedale,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Hubbardston,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	3	3.	2	1	-
Lancaster,	12	5	6	4	4.	4	6	3.8	3	1	-
Leicester,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	7	5.5	5	2	-
Leominster,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	16.6	12	6	1
Lunenburg,	-	-	-	4	4.	4	5	4.3	1	3	-
Mendon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	2	-	-
Milford,	3	2	-	1	.9	-	18	14.6	13	1	-
Millbury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	9.7	11	-	-
New Braintree,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northborough,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	3	-	-
Northbridge,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	10.1	8	1	1
North Brookfield,	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	6.	5	-	1
Oakham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	-	1	-
Oxford,	1	-	1	-	-	-	8	7.6	5	2	1
Paxton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersham,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	3.	1	2	-
Phillipston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Princeton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royalston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1.	1	-	-
Rutland,	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shrewsbury,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	3	2.7	1	1	-
Southborough,	-	-	-	2	2.	2	2	2.	2	-	-
Southbridge,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	17	14.9	12	3	-
Spencer,	6	-	-	-	-	-	14	10.5	1	6	-
Sterling,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	4	4.	2	2	-
Sturbridge,	9	1	7	2	1.6	2	2	2.	-	2	-
Sutton,	-	-	-	7	7.	7	10	8.4	2	5	1
Templeton,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	4	4.	2	2	-
Upton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.7	2	-	-

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		In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.						In Lunatic hospitals.	In Almshouses.	Elsewhere.
WORCESTER — Con.											
Uxbridge,	-	-	-	1	1.	1	6	5.9	5	-	-
Warren,	2	1	-	3	3.	3	2	2.	2	-	-
Webster,	1	-	-	1	1.	1	16	14.7	10	3	-
Westborough,	1	-	-	4	4.	4	7	7.	7	-	-
West Boylston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.5	3	-	-
West Brookfield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.9	2	-	-
Westminster,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.	-	2	-
Winchendon,	8	-	-	2	2.	2	10	6.1	4	1	-
Worcester,	36	10	-	28	22.6	22	127	107.	20	84	-
Total,	150	27	38	90	83.1	82	475	409.5	224	173	8

SUMMARY BY COUNTIES.

Barnstable,	8	5	3	23	22.7	23	79	66.3	48	15	2
Berkshire,	52	3	26	30	29.1	28	149	128.3	105	16	6
Bristol,	208	51	35	51	42.	42	446	355.6	311	37	3
Dukes,	2	-	1	2	1.1	2	4	4.	3	-	1
Essex,	220	34	120	80	70.6	72	814	670.9	487	190	8
Franklin,	10	1	9	16	16.	16	90	76.5	64	14	2
Hampden,	78	4	34	24	18.6	17	312	252.1	136	115	8
Hampshire,	20	4	6	16	15.3	16	125	110.3	89	15	6
Middlesex,	296	73	76	100	88.5	89	913	741.	532	196	22
Nantucket,	3	-	2	5	5.	5	12	9.9	7	4	-
Norfolk,	29	6	9	37	30.7	30	208	189.4	165	24	2
Plymouth,	31	2	3	31	30.2	29	161	144.5	111	29	4
Suffolk,	635	-	318	74	72.8	74	1,572	1,330.1	1,271	1	41
Worcester,	150	27	38	90	83.1	82	475	409.5	224	173	8
Total,	1,742	210	680	579	525.7	525	5,361	4,488.3	3,553	829	113
Add State Poor,	1,779	68	1,008	193	173.	181	2,752	1,427.3	976	469	38
Aggregate of State and Town Poor,	3,521	278	1,688	672	698.7	706	8,013	5,915.6	4,529	1,298	151

TABLE V. — *Classification and Location of the Towns' Poor Fully Supported March 31, 1896.*

COUNTIES.	NATIVE.		FOREIGN-BORN.		TOTAL.		IN TOWN ALMSHOUSES.				In Lunatic Hospitals.	IN SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED.		IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS.		IN PRIVATE FAMILIES.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Adults.	Children.	Insane.	Idiotic.		Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Insane.	Idiotic.
Barnstable,	78	64	5	5	83	69	80	5	15	20	48	1	-	1	-	15	3	2	2
Berkshire,	124	134	42	53	166	187	87	3	16	10	105	3	2	11	3	123	21	6	13
Bristol,	232	204	143	199	375	403	371	51	37	36	311	2	3	4	4	9	28	3	1
Dukes,	5	11	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	11	1	1	1
Essex,	536	421	203	207	739	628	647	34	190	48	487	17	1	32	97	48	22	8	6
Franklin,	76	59	14	14	90	73	54	1	14	10	64	1	1	2	-	34	8	2	4
Hampden,	178	145	108	135	286	280	357	4	115	9	136	5	-	4	26	31	8	8	3
Hampshire,	80	86	33	30	113	116	73	4	15	5	89	3	-	6	1	51	5	6	8
Middlesex,	552	582	292	356	844	938	928	73	196	56	532	22	5	94	20	84	51	22	6
Nantucket,	14	16	-	1	14	17	22	-	4	3	7	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Norfolk,	168	129	59	53	227	182	172	6	24	18	165	8	-	20	3	37	6	2	4
Plymouth,	141	124	31	32	172	156	168	2	29	20	111	7	-	12	-	32	3	4	2
Suffolk,	1,097	690	334	871	1,431	1,561	1,138	-	1	-	1,271	17	55	266	263	54	-	41	2
Worcester,	396	285	188	155	584	440	665	27	173	74	224	6	-	18	2	52	36	8	2
Total,	3,677	2,950	1,452	2,111	5,129	5,061	4,762	210	829	309	3,553	93	69	473	419	586	192	113	54

TABLE VI. — *Population of the Town Almshouses on March 31, 1894, '95 and '96.*

COUNTIES.	SANE.			INSANE.			IDIOTIC.			TOTAL.			ADULTS.			CHILDREN.		
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Barnstable,	46	45	50	16	17	15	24	24	20	86	86	85	80	80	80	6	6	5
Berkshire,	60	59	64	21	20	16	9	11	10	90	90	90	83	80	87	7	10	3
Bristol,	279	351	349	45	41	37	41	34	36	365	426	422	345	382	371	20	44	51
Dukes,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Essex,	367	431	443	182	175	190	44	44	48	593	650	681	554	610	647	39	40	34
Franklin,	34	33	31	13	15	14	9	12	10	56	60	55	55	58	54	1	2	1
Hampden,	223	233	237	105	104	115	22	14	9	350	351	361	339	345	357	11	6	4
Hampshire,	63	63	57	19	18	15	7	6	5	89	87	77	87	87	73	1	–	4
Middlesex,	793	746	749	189	181	196	48	52	56	1,030	979	1,001	908	892	928	122	87	73
Nantucket,	19	23	15	3	3	4	2	2	3	24	28	22	22	29	22	2	1	–
Norfolk,	145	126	136	20	22	24	15	28	18	180	176	178	169	170	172	11	6	6
Plymouth,	96	110	121	38	32	29	24	26	20	158	168	170	153	165	168	5	3	2
Suffolk,	1,190	1,183	1,137	*–	1	1	*–	*–	*–	1,190	1,184	1,138	1,167	1,163	1,138	23	21	–
Worcester,	434	466	445	158	174	173	73	69	74	665	709	692	637	683	665	28	26	27
Total,	3,749	3,869	3,834	809	803	829	318	322	309	4,876	4,994	4,972	4,600	4,742	4,762	276	252	210

* None reported.

THE STATE AND TOWN POOR SINCE 1863.

TABLE VII. — *Number of the State Poor and of the City and Town Poor remaining in the Institutions at the Close of Each Official Year from 1863.*

YEARS.	STATE POOR.										CITY AND TOWN POOR.		Total of all Classes.
	State Almshouse, Tewksbury.	State Primary School, Monson.	State Farm, Bridgewater.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital and Asylum.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Northampton Lun. Hospital.	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Hospital for Inebriates, Foxborough.	Total State Poor.	In City and Town Almshouses.	In Lun. Hospitals and Asylums.	
1863,	633	570	536	175	238	258	-	-	-	2,544	3,000*	425	5,969
1864,	649	628	485	116	186	216	-	-	-	2,307	2,700*	448	5,455
1865,	637	541	482	91	152	235	-	-	-	2,259	2,800*	481	5,540
1866,	707	561	311	129	147	272	-	-	-	2,148	2,958	498	5,604
1867,	686	657	341	101	153	271	-	-	-	2,209	3,003	532	5,744
1868,	636	540	425	96	181	264	-	-	-	2,142	3,012	552	5,706
1869,	690	397	364	51	145	234	-	-	-	1,881	2,844	655	5,380
1870,	655	363	337	35	124	209	-	-	-	1,723	2,758	728	5,209
1871,	639	408	397	29	91	215	-	-	-	1,779	2,506	770	5,055
1872,	674	381	308	25	85	230	-	-	-	1,703	2,483	844	5,030
1873,	762	429	347	48	76	247	-	-	-	1,909	2,496	858	5,263
1874,	805	409	375	82	128	291	-	-	-	2,090	2,758	886	3,734
1875,	792	449	422	42	135	262	-	-	-	2,102	3,160	1,044	6,306
1876,	798	479	503	35	137	253	-	-	-	2,205	3,630	1,180	7,015
1877,	919	466	389	51	158	239	-	-	-	2,222	3,969	1,310	7,501
1878,	897	473	249	174	134	198	80	-	-	2,205	4,022	1,479	7,706
1879,	846	421	225	191	126	202	149	-	-	2,160	3,563	1,634	7,357
1880,	840	370	158	240	119	183	134	-	-	2,044	4,017	1,760	7,821
1881,	888	332	129	209	81	176	112	-	-	1,947	3,818	1,941	7,706
1882,	789	365	210	239	94	161	115	-	-	1,973	3,828	2,075	7,876
1883,	894	332	63	289	111	157	150	-	-	1,996	3,945	2,156	8,097
1884,	940	310	95	279	100	153	153	-	-	2,030	4,181	2,161	8,372
1885,	776	293	304	309	123	154	214	-	-	2,173	4,248	2,204	8,625
1886,	786	239	267	249	113	141	200	-	-	1,995	4,888	2,305	9,188
1887,	836	212	324	228	111	104	165	115	-	2,095	5,012	2,413	9,520
1888,	783	184	420	261	92	104	104	113	-	2,061	5,155	2,588	9,804
1889,	758	173	403	248	94	88	110	196	-	2,070	4,917	2,764	9,751
1890,	718	146	509	262	131	101	142	158	-	2,167	4,582	2,629	9,378
1891,	759	110	536	324	129	80	139	137	-	2,214	4,583	2,648	9,445
1892,	724	116	705	394	108	84	135	170	-	2,436	4,713	2,774	9,923
1893,	837	69	672	362	147	81	142	132	44	2,486	4,700	2,979	10,165
1894,	971	19	833	341	121	73	130	134	37	2,659	4,876	3,056	10,591
1895,	886	†-	870	329	118	73	138	125	54	2,593	4,994	3,235	10,822
1896,	993	123	931	288	146	69	116	96	42	2,804	4,972	3,553	11,329

* Approximate. † Medfield Insane Asylum in 1896.

NOTE. — The figures for the State Primary School exclude children committed by the courts to the custody of this Board; for the State Almshouse and State Farm they exclude cases of town settlement. The totals for State Poor, and the general total, include for Rainsford Island Hospital (abolished in 1866), 144 in 1863, 35 in 1864, 121 in 1865, and 23 in 1866.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF IN-DOOR POOR SINCE 1863.

TABLE VIII. — *Average Number of the State, and the City and Town Poor in the Institutions Each Year from 1863.*

YEARS.	STATE POOR.										CITY AND TOWN POOR		Total Average of State, City and Town Poor.
	State Almshouse, Tewksbury.	State Primary School, Monson.	State Farm, Bridgewater.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital and Asylum.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Northampton Lun. Hospital.	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Hospital for Inebriates, Foxborough	Total State Poor.	In City and Town Almshouses.	In Lun. Hospitals and Asylums.	
1863,	737	601	608	184	258	247	-	-	-	2,750	3,233	420	6,403
1864,	733	557	560	145	212	232	-	-	-	2,527	2,866	434	5,827
1865,	732	605	582	106	173	225	-	-	-	2,591	2,896	465	5,952
1866,	717	543	482	143	162	251	-	-	-	2,399	2,984	490	5,873
1867,	757	628	331	138	142	262	-	-	-	2,259	3,000	515	5,774
1868,	731	646	408	95	167	262	-	-	-	2,309	3,010	560	5,879
1869,	710	500	412	74	164	248	-	-	-	2,108	3,004	650	5,762
1870,	724	442	335	52	147	237	-	-	-	1,937	2,752	720	5,409
1871,	749	388	385	44	133	230	-	-	-	1,929	2,680	745	5,354
1872,	759	373	372	37	113	227	-	-	-	1,881	2,590	788	5,259
1873,	816	367	332	50	95	248	-	-	-	1,908	2,578	842	5,328
1874,	881	413	403	63	117	284	-	-	-	2,161	2,715	865	5,741
1875,	844	417	435	68	145	274	-	-	-	2,183	2,879	849	5,911
1876,	916	422	427	53	160	259	-	-	-	2,227	3,331	1,039	6,597
1877,	824	451	457	53	160	255	-	-	-	2,300	3,747	1,158	7,205
1878,	943	481	302	154	154	212	25	-	-	2,271	3,903	1,288	7,462
1879,	945	448	309	185	134	200	142	-	-	2,363	3,977	1,402	7,742
1880,	916	387	243	211	126	197	146	-	-	2,226	3,698	1,543	7,467
1881,	878	360	229	236	118	181	139	-	-	2,141	3,654	1,850	7,645
1882,	860	383	223	243	89	167	130	-	-	2,095	3,746	1,998	7,839
1883,	918	345	181	250	115	162	145	-	-	2,116	3,769	2,075	7,960
1884,	966	345	167	289	114	155	181	-	-	2,217	3,911	2,150	8,278
1885,	958	299	350	305	120	154	209	-	-	2,395	4,255	2,200	8,750
1886,	876	274	365	277	146	140	213	-	-	2,291	4,366	2,250	8,907
1887,	863	219	376	252	110	123	209	88	-	2,240	4,358	2,355	8,953
1888,	811	206	490	233	111	112	173	148	-	2,284	4,360	2,370	9,014
1889,	764	170	529	255	99	105	132	166	-	2,220	4,560	2,483	9,263
1890,	852	168	533	273	129	97	154	156	-	2,362	4,528	2,645	9,535
1891,	812	124	596	353	115	90	153	166	-	2,409	4,384	2,666	9,459
1892,	901	110	694	400	133	86	158	173	-	2,655	4,491	2,747	9,893
1893,	902	77	703	396	135	76	169	169	*28	2,645	4,458	2,955	10,058
1894,	1,052	69	858	376	138	81	153	144	46	2,917	4,575	3,067	10,559
1895,	997	†87	919	396	167	81	171	150	60	2,982	4,879	3,271	11,132
1896,	1,053	‡107	992	369	145	82	155	139	76	3,119	4,768	3,538	11,425

* For 34 weeks, equivalent to 18 for a year. † For 9 months, equal to 65 for the year.
‡ Medfield Insane Asylum in 1896.

NOTE. — The figures for the State Primary School exclude children committed by the courts; those for the State Almshouse and the State Farm represent only the *State* Poor, the insane at those institutions who have settlements being counted among the "Towns' Poor in Hospitals and Asylums." The totals for State Poor, and therefore the general totals, include for Rainsford Island Hospital, 116 in 1863, 88 in 1864, 68 in 1865, 101 in 1866, and 1 in 1867.

TABLE IX. — *General Statistics of City and Town Paupers for Eighteen Years, with Number and Cost of State Paupers added.*

YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 FOR THE STATE POOR, MARCH 31 FOR CITY AND TOWN POOR.	CITY AND TOWN POOR.				TOWN AND STATE POOR FULLY SUPPORTED IN ALMSHOUSES.*				TOWN AND STATE POOR FULLY SUPPORTED OUT OF ALMSHOUSES.†				STATE POOR PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.	
	Average Number Fully Supported.	Whole Number Fully Supported.	Whole Number Partially Supported.	Net Expenses Reported.	Whole Number Supported.	Average Number Supported.	Reported Almshouse Expenses	Average Weekly Cost.	Whole Number Supported.	Average Number Supported.	Reported Expenses.	Average Weekly Cost.	Whole Number Relieved.	Cost of Relief.
1879,	6,106	9,225	72,881	$1,384,977	10,131	5,739	$585,516	$1 96	3,899	2,844	$527,585	$3 57	20,000	$45,000
1880,	6,221	9,196	58,916	1,332,902	9,719	5,521	568,322	1 98	4,346	3,096	528,168	3 28	14,000	35,000
1881,	6,344	9,555	52,523	1,393,664	10,200	5,192	565,785	2 08	4,411	3,491	554,885	3 06	16,000	36,000
1882,	6,681	10,095	48,760	1,464,353	10,213	5,595	613,423	2 11	4,973	3,421	594,974	3 34	14,000	38,000
1883,	6,935	10,753	50,372	1,549,381	10,942	5,331	667,307	2 41	5,000	3,608	630,345	3 36	15,000	40,000
1884,	7,109	11,273	51,135	1,598,811	11,400	5,389	666,917	2 38	5,800	4,134	660,912	3 07	16,000	42,000
1885,	7,521	11,766	55,649	1,708,044	12,000	6,287	740,000	2 29	5,900	4,396	712,163	3 29	17,000	50,000
1886,	7,766	11,966	53,182	1,731,344	11,300	6,355	734,270	2 22	6,236	4,542	775,000	3 40	15,266	50,000
1887,	7,843	11,921	49,608	1,729,195	12,004	6,308	744,139	2 27	6,500‡	4,800‡	820,000‡	3 30	14,525	50,000
1888,	7,989	12,526	51,359	1,746,095	12,134	6,486	767,388	2 27	6,600‡	4,800‡	780,000‡	3 12	17,047	55,000
1889,	8,417	12,981	48,123	1,838,357	12,388	6,283	761,970	2 33	7,000‡	4,900‡	750,000‡	2 94	17,188	70,000
1890,	8,628	13,099	45,487	1,805,641	12,330	6,426	758,875	2 27	7,157	4,780	757,689	3 05	16,491	73,746
1891,	8,480	13,015	43,432	1,806,062	13,020	6,553	785,576	2 30	7,232	5,064	818,654	3 10	18,131	87,158
1892,	8,535	13,626	45,325	1,874,497	14,477	6,970	793,599	2 19	8,219	5,248	818,700	3 00	18,160	94,610
1893,	8,804	14,260	44,146	1,908,441	14,507	6,762	820,316	2 33	8,805	5,739	881,803	2 96	20,752	88,531
1894,	9,217	15,117	67,521	1,982,072	15,913	6,989	821,300	2 26	8,976	6,438	948,947	2 83	29,200	112,568
1895,	9,821	16,163	70,244	2,165,805	16,368	7,416	849,475	2 20	9,505	7,041	979,764	2 67	18,776	146,619
1896,	9,860	15,357	60,694	2,201,020	15,687	7,037	862,444	2 35	9,680	7,346	1,107,243	2 94	25,511	120,181

* This applies to all the inmates at Monson and Bridgewater, also to the poor and neglected children in a special "Home," in Boston.

† None of the inmates at Monson and Bridgewater are here included, being given under the previous heading.

‡ Approximate.

NOTE. — The "State Poor Partially Supported" are included in the "Whole Number Partially Supported" of the city and town poor, in which also there are many duplications. Among the "State Poor Partially Supported" there are also many duplications in the number given for 1879. Among the "State Poor Fully Supported out of Almshouses" are included the children of the Massachusetts Infant Asylum, for whom the State pays. The cost of supervision by the State authorities is not included in this table; but the town almshouse expenses include, in part at least, the cost of general supervision.

FINANCES OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS.

TABLE X. — *Valuation of the State Institutions, Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Number of Acres of Land.	Value of Land.	Value of Buildings.	Value of Personal Property.	Total Valuation.	Valuation of 1895.	Increase of Valuation.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	411.45	$156,408 00	$1,045,125 00	$159,399 30	$1,360,932 30	$1,353,891 28	$7,041 02
Worcester Insane Asylum,	11.13	193,880 00	248,000 00	43,621 22	485,501 22	477,334 57	8,166 65
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	172.00	35,600 00	422,000 00	116,402 88	574,002 88	559,782 27	14,220 61
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	493.00	53,000 00	462,100 00	74,739 85	589,839 85	564,872 81	24,967 04
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	322.70	28,777 00	1,483,692 37	122,113 47	1,634,582 84	1,629,436 50	5,146 34
Westborough Insane Hospital,	362.97	26,450 00	405,700 00	112,524 33	544,674 33	519,980 00	24,694 33
Medfield Insane Asylum,	426.00	20,000 00	740,000 00	79,534 80	839,534 80	-	839,534 80
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	96.00	15,000 00	142,000 00	25,355 39	182,355 39	185,924 13	3,568 74
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	425.50	37,200 00	560,050 00	180,106 06	777,356 06	764,547 46	12,808 60
State Farm, Bridgewater,	538.00	35,665 00	471,500 00	146,514 76	653,679 76	597,029 81	56,649 95
Lyman School, Westborough,	265.00	22,000 00	139,150 00	120,607 03	281,757 03	255,126 36	26,630 67
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	198.00	10,300 00	90,665 00	26,944 38	127,909 38	125,437 44	2,471 94
Totals,	3,721.75	$634,280 00	$6,229,982 37	$1,187,863 47	$8,052,125 84	$7,033,362 63	$1,018,763 21*
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	90.00	20,359 13	239,525 00	108,491 39	368,375 52	359,105 08	9,270 44

* Excluding Medfield Asylum, which appears here for the first time, the increase has been $179,228.41.

TABLE XI. — *Classified Valuation of Personal Property at the State Institutions, Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Live Stock on the Farm.	Produce of the Farm on Hand.	Carriages and Agricultural Implements.	Machinery and Mechanical Fixtures.	Beds and Bedding in the Inmates' Department	Other Furniture in the Inmates' Department.	Property of the State in the Superintendent's Department.	Ready-Made Clothing.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$9,479 00	$8,469 80	$6,950 00	$29,525 36	$29,280 32	$22,481 82	$23,385 30	$1,625 15
Worcester Insane Asylum,	375 00	1,067 74	500 00	9,000 00	9,000 00	3,500 00	9,500 00	2,154 64
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	8,474 00	3,295 00	5,125 95	37,000 00	22,764 78	10,903 96	11,451 57	-*
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	7,795 75	9,524 00	3,075 00	14,510 00	12,350 00	8,155 00	7,425 00	2,550 57
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	12,282 50	8,471 48	6,097 14	17,564 41	21,208 23	20,852 16	17,103 87	3,720 12
Westborough Insane Hospital,	9,020 00	7,520 14	5,572 19	29,384 59	13,391 66	12,455 56	5,521 73	1,108 17
Medfield Insane Asylum,	1,442 00	1,572 17	2,372 98	20,000 00	12,000 00	20,139 00	7,861 00	6,549 91
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	2,274 00	685 00	1,857 97	1,022 73	3,887 67	4,032 95	3,043 61	330 46
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	10,711 00	10,784 15	4,881 15	54,881 00	24,067 10	27,368 53	16,720 05	10,052 31
State Farm, Bridgewater,	7,316 65	12,056 24	9,052 60	51,328 00	18,404 75	14,709 47	8,501 69	17,370 05
Lyman School, Westborough,	2,493 50	3,770 04	2,983 40	7,893 18	2,936 43	15,291 93	-†	7,367 48
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	2,670 00	5,383 91	2,115 00	552 50	7,394 30	-†	985 00	-
Totals,	$74,333 40	$72,599 67	$50,583 38	$272,661 77	$176,685 24	$159,890 38	$111,498 82	$52,828 86
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	1,732 85	1,600 00	2,666 67	6,057 34	7,853 69	9,971 04	6,338 40	1,024 33

* In "Dry Goods."

† In the preceding item.

TABLE XI. — *Classified Valuation of Personal Property, etc.* — Concluded.

INSTITUTIONS.	Dry Goods.	Provisions and Groceries.	Drugs and Medicines.	Fuel.	Library.	Other Supplies undistributed	Funds and Investments.	Totals.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$888 87	$2,520 66	$800 00	$7,425 00	$4,250 00	$5,056 59	$7,261 43	$159,399 30
Worcester Insane Asylum,	623 00	2,279 59	425 00	3,500 00	550 00	1,146 25	-	43,621 22
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	6,710 52	2,697 27	600 00	3,600 00	800 00	2,979 83	-	116,462 88
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	1,242 34	3,273 01	525 00	214 60	1,000 00	3,099 58	-	74,739 85
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	781 58	1,562 66	850 00	8,586 06	1,250 00	1,783 26	-	122,113 47
Westborough Insane Hospital,	2,178 76	2,356 87	1,249 08	179 75	1,334 79	1,251 44	-	92,524 33
Medfield Insane Asylum,	1,280 65	3,876 87	175 00	1,335 00	-	930 22	-	79,534 80
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	687 38	746 73	97 00	4,130 00	342 88	2,217 01	-	25,355 39
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	4,270 28	4,513 49	1,844 50	8,012 50	2,000 00	-	-	180,106 06
State Farm, Bridgewater,	2,511 62	3,173 57	303 12	1,389 50	397 50	-	-	146,514 76
Lyman School, Westborough,	1,417 46	1,671 93	437 50	2,256 02	2,494 01	888 37	68,705 78	120,607 03
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	840 00	651 50	15 00	1,850 00	650 00	437 45	3,399 72	26,944 38
Totals,	$23,432 46	$29,324 15	$7,321 20	$42,478 43	$15,069 18	$19,790 00	$79,366 93	$1,187,863 47
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	730 53	1,073 33	99 86	3,976 00	702 00	2,458 44	62,206 91	108,491 39

TABLE XII. — *Receipts of the State Institutions for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1895.	Appropriations for Current Expenses.			From Special Appropriations.	From Farm and the Labor of Inmates.	For Support.		From all other Sources.	Total Receipts at the Institutions.	Other Receipts on Account of the Institutions.
		From Unexpended Appropriations of former Calendar Years.	From Ordinary Appropriations of present Calendar Year.	Total from Appropriations for Current Expenses.			From Cities and Towns.	* From Individuals.			
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$36,358 31	$21,885 21	$22,710 15	$44,595 36	-	$2,731 74	$98,421 91	$43,137 03	$4,049 34	$229,293 89	$13,806 11
Worcester Insane Asylum,	11,662 46	10,423 53	9,579 96	20,003 49	-	-	54,476 06	-	735 62	86,877 63	-
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	1,726 45	14,468 50	13,365 55	27,834 05	$15,233 62	-	100,087 56	20,501 75	4,199 44	169,582 87	6,419 57
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	508 78	3,416 93	14,058 25	17,475 18	9,997 82	1,128 09	68,303 38	18,767 70	5,687 70	121,868 65	1,526 57
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	30,209 65	13,518 85	14,524 36	28,043 21	-	1,933 12	114,013 38	33,570 42	2,799 81	210,569 59	8,944 67
Westborough Insane Hospital,	14,101 83	12,484 71	11,958 72	24,443 43	16,756 44	-	57,810 01	32,558 43	245 58	145,915 72	4,990 10
Medfield Insane Asylum,	-	-	†33,178 60	33,178 60	-	-	5,443 87	38 40	879 81	39,540 68	-
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	6,818 06	5,947 73	‡26,239 51	32,187 24	-	4,709 91	11,708 94	2,036 92	274 19	57,735 26	6,566 28
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	-	34,723 96	104,038 08	138,762 04	36,233 05	-	-	-	1,569 05	176,564 14	25,690 17
State Farm, Bridgewater,	-	30,018 00	83,983 06	114,001 06	41,170 34	3,622 03	-	-	-	158,793 43	11,473 86
Lyman School, Westborough,	-	18,001 68	46,158 01	‖64,159 69	§10,726 71	770 23	-	-	64 69	75,721 32	-
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	-	7,164 92	19,251 12	‖26,416 04	§4 597 93	580 20	-	-	-	31,594 17	-
Totals,	$101,385 74	$172,054 02	$399,045 37	$571,099 39	$134,715 91	$15,475 32	$510,265 11	$150,610 65	$20,505 23	$1,504,057 35	$79,417 33
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	3,676 68	6,500 00	¶25,420 62	31,920 62	-	-	27,031 95	10,918 47	2,916 88	76,464 60	845 44

* Includes $1,867.24 of nominal receipts, being deposits by patients, $1,815.81 at Worcester Hospital and $51.43 at Worcester Asylum.

† Includes $31,652.60 from the special appropriation for maintenance, and $1,526.00 for board of State patients since May 1.

‡ Includes the $20,000 special appropriation for maintenance.

‖ Including at each school $155.15 for 1895 and $211.06 for 1896 from the appropriation for Trustee's expenses.

§ Includes at the Lyman School $1,275 57 and at the Industrial School $62.31 for boarding out pupils.

¶ Of this sum $6,920.62 is for board of State custodial cases.

TABLE XIII. — *Expenditures of the State Institutions for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	CURRENT EXPENSES.								
	Salaries, Wages and Labor.	Provisions and Supplies.	Clothing.	Fuel and Lights.	Medicines and Medical Supplies.	Furniture, Beds and Bedding.	Transportation and Travelling Expenses.	Ordinary Repairs.	Expenses of Trustees, Inspectors, or Superintendents.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$57,320 84	$53,572 21	$9,695 74	$13,972 06	$1,059 73	$6,239 28	$220 98	$12,169 23	$50 06
Worcester Insane Asylum,	23,124 14	18,903 58	3,167 05	5,049 58	375 23	4,972 59	273 82	8,887 42	25 03
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	48,955 99	41,971 11	7,491 22	13,362 42	2,271 51	7,073 34	473 00	9,052 65	93 00
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	38,520 17	26,008 35	4,679 84	7,771 86	1,297 15	3,801 73	390 85	2,163 05	306 66
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	70,648 73	47,283 92	8,428 46	7,217 09	1,190 44	4,742 12	3,138 66	11,282 02	261 47
Westborough Insane Hospital,	51,831 19	33,789 43	2,785 45	9,788 81	895 34	5,255 85	3,497 62	4,278 87	650 26
Medfield Insane Asylum,	12,213 73	11,675 11	3,280 38	2,390 77	109,58	161 26	1,904 02	8 55	240 55
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	19,622 54	11,233 80	2,100 34	4,524 00	398 46	-	375 03	1,164 25	488 62
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	32,820 96	35,550 55	14,823 29	15,468 86	6,262 94	2,310 43	5,993 51	11,056 92	407 86
State Farm, Bridgewater,	30,213 33	31,569 30	8,409 18	9,239 05	1,552 17	3,576 06	2,096 80	8,178 06	267 76
Lyman School, Westborough,	26,718 24	10,586 82	5,299 90	7,283 46	207 45	1,789 60	571 89	4,413 71	1,167 37
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	11,143 90	4,796 47	2,000 90	2,155 31	216 09	641 21	700 88	1,225 03	*366 20
Totals,	$423,133 76	$326,940 65	$72,161 75	$98,223 27	$15,836 09	$40,553 47	$19,637 06	$73,879 76	$4,324 84
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	30,787 41	15,567 76	3,460 66	5,078 18	1,594 00	1,195 28	135 20	7,385 44	-

NOTE. — The expenses of the Reformatory Schools as here reported might properly be increased by including $3,079.04 for expenses and salaries of visiting agents, for which a special appropriation was made.

* This and a like sum at the Lyman School came from the Trustees' appropriation.

TABLE XIII. — Concluded.

INSTITUTIONS.	CURRENT EXPENSES — Con.		EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.				Total Disbursements.	Average weekly cost as estimated by the Superintendents.
	All Other Ordinary Expenses.	Total Current Expenditures.	Buildings and Improvements.	Extraordinary Repairs.	Miscellaneous Disbursements.	Total Extraordinary Expenses.		
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$12,708 21	$167,008 34	$9,854 14	–	$2,684 78	$12,538 92	$179,547 26	$3 27
Worcester Insane Asylum,	3,676 60	68,455 04	–	$10,000 00	64 26	10,064 26	78,519 30	3 06
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	11,566 30	142,310 54	11,618 81	3,614 81	–	15,233 62	157,544 16	3 34
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	7,828 54	92,768 20	13,414 75	13,837 65	–	27,252 40	120,020 60	3 16
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	13,399 84	167,592 75	20,297 63	–	–	20,297 63	187,890 38	3 53
Westborough Insane Hospital,	5,314 70	118,087 52	16,756 44	3,382 28	–	20,138 72	138,226 24	3 89
Medfield Insane Asylum,	3,003 93	34,977 88	–	–	–	–	34,977 88	3 21
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	7,888 17	47,795 21	–	–	4,784 55	4,784 55	52,579 76	6 32
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	14,066 72	138,762 04	36,233 05	–	1,569 05*	37,802 10	176,564 14	2 17
State Farm, Bridgewater,	18,899 35	114,001 06	41,170 34	–	3,622 03*	44,792 37	158,793 43	2 00
Lyman School, Westborough,	6,121 25	64,159 69	9,451 14	–	2,110 49†	11,561 63	75,721 32	4 61
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	3,170 07	26,416 06	4,077 57	–	1,100 56‡	5,178 13	31,584 19	4 17
Total,	$107,643 68	$1,182,334 33	$162,873 87	$30,834 74	$15,935 72	$209,644 33	$1,391,978 66	–
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	5,558 05	70,761 98	–	–	4,157 91	4,157 91	74,919 89‖	$3 25

* Paid into the State Treasury. † Of this $834.92 was paid into the State Treasury. ‡ Includes $580.20 paid into the State Treasury.

‖ In addition to this amount there was paid this year to the city of Waltham by a special appropriation $16,949.96 for constructing and $526.08 for operating the sewer of the Institution, down to 1896.

TABLE XIV. — *Financial Condition of the State Institutions, Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	LIABILITIES.			RESOURCES.						Balance in favor of the Institutions.
	Salaries Unpaid.	Bills Payable.	Total Liabilities.	Cash on Hand.	Bills Receivable.	Unexpended Current Appropriations.	Total Resources applicable to Current Expenses.	Unexpended Special Appropriations.	Total Available Resources.*	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$4,828 51	$11,048 28†	$15,876 79	$49,746 63	$42,423 72	- - - -	$92,170 35	-	$92,170 35	$76,293 56
Worcester Insane Asylum,	1,937 67	4,117 56‡	6,055 23	8,358 33	17,820 05	- - - -	26,178 38	-	26,178 38	20,123 15
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	4,000 08	16,644 19§	20,644 27	12,038 71	34,931 87	- - - -	46,970 58	$15,353 82	62,324 40	41,680 13
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	4,708 36	11,819 75	16,528 11	1,848 05	26,480 93	- - - -	28,328 98	14,502 18	42,831 16	26,303 05
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	6,443 30	12,308 26	18,751 56	22,679 21	37,878 21	- - - -	60,557 42	-	60,557 42	41,805 86
Westborough Insane Hospital,	4,275 81	5,707 86	9,983 67	7,689 48	23,305 78	- - - -	30,995 26	15,489 87	46,485 13	36,501 46
Medfield Insane Asylum,	2,768 58	10,738 89	13,507 47	3,864 35	21,205 03	$18,410 56	43,479 94	-	43,479 94	29,972 47
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	-	-	-	5,155 50	5,873 84	-	11,029 34	-	11,029 34	11,029 34
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	-	-	-	-	-	29,061 92	29,061 92	83,247 36	112,309 28	112,309 28
State Farm, Bridgewater,	-	-	-	-	-	30,916 94	30,966 94	26,905 26	57,822 20	57,822 20
Lyman School, Westborough,	-	-	-	-	-	23,066 42	¶23,066 42	-	23,066 42	23,066 42
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	-	-	-	-	-	9,139 29	¶9,139 29	-	9,139 29	9,139 29
Totals,	$28,962 31	$72,384 79	$101,347 10	$111,380 26	$209,919 43‖	$110,595 13	$431,894 82	$155,498 49	$587,393 31	$486,046 21
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	-	-	-	1,544 71	7,747 72	6,500 00	15,792 43	60,000 00	75,792 43	75,792 43

* Additional resources available for special uses are the invested funds, viz.: At Worcester Hospital, the Library Fund, $7,261.43; at the Lyman School, the Lyman Fund, $66,554.82, and the Mary Lamb Fund, $2,150.96; at the Industrial School, the Mary Lamb Fund, $1,379.72, the Fay Fund, $1,020, and the Rogers Fund, $1,000 (held by the State Treasurer); in all at these institutions, $79,366.63. The several funds at the School for Feeble-Minded aggregate $62,206.91.

† Due to patients, $1,987.90. ‡ Due to patients, $1,174.56.

§ Of this sum $1,073.84 is for "extraordinary repairs," and to be paid from a special appropriation.

‖ All this, excepting $5,873.84, is due the lunatic hospitals and asylums for board of patients; from the State, $40,567 14; from cities and towns, $130,338.97; from individuals, $33,126.47. ¶ Includes $288.94 of the Trustees' appropriation.

TABLE XV. — *Comparative Cost of Different Items by the Week.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Reported Average Number of Inmates.	Salaries, Wages and Labor.	Provisions and Supplies.	Clothing.	Fuel and Lights.	Medicine and Medical Supplies.	Furniture, Beds and Bedding.	Transportation and Travelling Expenses.	Ordinary Repairs.	All other Ordinary Expenses.	Average Weekly Cost.	
											Aggregate of the foregoing items.	Estimated by the Superintendents.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	956.25	$1 15.3	$1 07.2	$0 19.5	$0 28.1	$0 02.1	$0 12.5	$0 00.4	$0 24.5	$0 25.7	$3 35.8	$3 27
Worcester Insane Asylum,	427.36	1 04.8	85.1	14.2	22.9	01.7	22.3	01.2	40.	16.6	3 08.	3 06
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	819.37	1 14.9	98.5	17.6	31.4	05.3	16.6	01.1	21.2	27.4	3 34.	3 34
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	560.49	1 32.2	89.2	16.1	26.7	04.5	13.	01.3	07.4	27.9	3 18.3	3 16
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	914.28	1 48.6	99.5	17.7	15.2	02.5	10.	06.6	23.8	28.6	3 52.5	3 53
Westborough Insane Hospital,	579.9	1 71.9	1 12.	09.3	32.4	03.	17.4	11.6	14.2	19.8	3 91.6	3 89
Medfield Insane Asylum,*	461.61	1 20.8	1 15.5	32.4	23.7	01.1	01.5	18.8	00.1	32.1	3 46.	3 21
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	145.32	2 59.6	1 48.6	27.8	59.9	05.3	-	04.9	15.6	1 10.8	6 32.5	6 32
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	1,231.	51.3	55.5	23.1	24.1	09.8	03.6	09.3	17.3	22.8	2 16.8	2 17
State Farm, Bridgewater,	1,098.	52.9	55.5	14.7	16.1	02.7	06.3	03.6	14.3	33.5	1 99.6	2 00
Lyman School, Westborough,	264.61	1 94.2	76.9	38.5	52.9	01.5	13.	04.2	32.1	52.9	4 66.2	4 61
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	120.	1 78.6	76.9	32.	34.5	03.4	10.3	11.4	19.6	56.6	4 23.3	4 17
Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, Waltham,	416.	1 42.3	71.9	16.	23.5	06.9	05.5	00.6	34.1	25.2	3 26.	3 25
Totals	7,726.99	$1 13.	$0 85.3	$0 18.8	$0 25.7	$0 04.3	$0 10.4	$0 04.9	$0 20.2	$0 29.3	$3 11.9	-

* For five months only.

TABLE XVI. — *Population and Expenses of the State Institutions for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Persons Admitted.	Whole No. Maintained.	Deaths.	No. of Inmates Sept. 30, 1896.	NET COST TO THE STATE.			Whole Sum derived from the State Treasury.
					Average No. supported by the State.	Current Expenses.	Average Weekly Cost.	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	567	1,515	107	861	255.35	$30,789 25	$2 31.9	$44,595 36
Worcester Insane Asylum,	20	467	35	425	113.93	20,003 49	3 37.6	20,003 49
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	427	1,270	111	799	145.51	21,414 48	2 83.	43,067 67
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	204	745	46	559	81.57	15,948 59	3 76.	27,473 00
Danvers Lunatic Hospital,	427	1,362	102	857	155.00	19,098 54	2 36.2	28,043 21
Westborough Insane Hospital,	271	835	44	548	139.00	19,453 33	2 69.1	41,199 87
Medfield Insane Asylum,*	600	600	24	563	106.65	33,178 60	3 38.8	33,178 60
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	310	433	1	135	76.4	25,620 96	6 44.9	32,187 24
State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	3,165	4,184	272	1,186	1,053.46	111,502 82	2 03.6	174,995 09
State Farm, Bridgewater,	1,582	2,416	51	1,043	992.03	98,905 17	1 91.7	155,171 40
Lyman School, Westborough,	217	458	–	268	264.61	63,314 77	4 60	74,886 40
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	163	247	–	129	120.00	25,835 89	4 14	31,014 02
Totals,	7,953	14,532	793	7,373	3,440.05	$485,075 91	$2 70.7	$705,815 35
Totals, excluding transfers,	7,815	13,771	–	–	–	–	–	–
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham,	40	463	10	425	212.00	$31,920 62	2 89.6	$31,920 62

* For five months.

TABLE XVII. — *Kind and Cost of Provisions at the State Institutions for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.*

INSTITUTIONS.	Meat of all Kinds.	Fish of all Kinds.	Fruit and Vegetables.	Flour.	Grain and Meal for Table.	Grain and Meal for Stock.	Tea, Coffee and Chocolate.	Sugar and Molasses.	Milk, Butter and Cheese.	Salt and other Groceries.	All other Provisions.	Total.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, . .	$12,495 67	$3,263 78	$2,336 12	$4,855 50	$421 86	$4,799 51	$2,723 30	$3,823 47	$9,750 05	$3,700 89	$5,402 06	$53,572 21
Worcester Insane Asylum, . .	3,018 59	656 79	1,799 00	1,981 35	31 10	421 81	486 27	1,046 92	7,120 84	386 90	1,954 01	18,903 58
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . .	12,301 83	1,410 88	2,142 64	4,058 75	509 18	3,349 78	1,634 92	2,231 57	9,116 75	5,214 81	-	41,971 11
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, .	5,454 35	1,437 43	1,430 23	2,895 00	258 30	3,452 11	941 79	2,298 89	4,733 09	1,921 70	1,185 06	26,008 35
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, . .	13,295 78	3,018 12	2,298 71	5,185 75	624 40	5,487 77	2,184 25	2,557 58	6,956 38	2,506 75	3,168 43	47,283 92
Westborough Insane Hospital, .	9,302 08	1,814 69	1,093 64	3,080 05	392 68	3,989 30	1,582 98	2,505 23	4,261 62	4,837 02	930 14	33,789 43
Medfield Insane Asylum, . .	2,059 42	311 93	559 73	2,646 07	206 70	146 59	663 17	904 51	1,926 56	1,226 05	1,024 38	11,675 11
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough, ...	2,694 64	579 25	391 22	2,132 97	88 75	965 27	465 74	813 89	1,397 10	1,704 97	-	11,233 80
State Almshouse, Tewksbury, .	10,939 52	2,216 14	1,330 75	7,333 74	340 09	2,241 25	1,709 48	2,630 78	3,845 16	1,420 54	1,543 10	35,550 55
State Farm, Bridgewater, . .	8,911 05	2,270 70	201 47	6,680 20	363 55	2,426 57	1,465 82	2,363 34	1,288 86	1,025 19	4,572 55	31,569 30
Lyman School, Westborough, .	2,035 66	478 32	570 00	1,851 75	212 91	1,224 24	238 01	851 19	1,603 14	515 32	1,006 28	10,586 82
State Industrial School, Lancaster,	1,007 84	358 01	248 87	475 00	1,293 94	*	153 94	209 71	465 49	583 67	-	4,796 47
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded, Waltham, . . .	3,875 69	289 48	1,379 35	1,762 25	217 45	1,176 31	230 46	883 39	4,291 91	728 84	732 63	15,567 76
Aggregates, ...	$87,392 12	$18,105 52	$15,481 93	$44,938 58	$4,960 91	$29,680 51	$14,480 13	$23,120 47	$56,756 95	$25,772 65	$21,518 64	$332,508 41

* In the preceding item.

TABLE XVIII. — *Average Number of Inmates at the State Institutions for Twelve Years.*

INSTITUTIONS.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, . . .	764.6	755.95	719.64	708.19	779.74	811.48	807.02	857.36	878.78	889.91	922.34	956.25
Worcester Insane Asylum, . . .	391.1	400.28	393.52	393.95	385.56	330.23	394.66	427.82	446.94	442.23	460.68	427.36
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . . .	659.3	683.35	638.	628.	633.	639.49	649.	692.95	723.03	766.	817.73	819.37
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, . .	475.9	474.4	478.55	470.25	469.1	470.5	457.	469.09	480.26	494.11	526.56	560.49
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, . . .	742.	749.03	743.	736.	734.	782.28	784.	834.31	870.4	879.	935.	914.28
Westborough Insane Hospital, . .	–	–	*248.47	369.6	437.89	474.69	473.09	508.61	521.3	530.75	564.35	579.97
Medfield Insane Asylum, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	†461.61
Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, Foxborough,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	‡62.78	101.08	125.14	145.32
State Almshouse, Tewksbury, . .	997.	917.	904.	873.	846.	932.	900.	991.	1,050.	1,217.	1,167.	1,231.
State Farm, Bridgewater, . . .	350.	365.	376.	530.	563.	574.	660.	774.	786.	947.	1,002.	1,098.
State Primary School, Monson, . .	416.	391.	332.	321.	314.	359.	329.	293.	207.	219.	§87.15	–
Lyman School, Westborough, . . .	112.2	92.82	104.32	127.24	168.23	186.46	183.96	203.88	226.05	228.	246.73	264.61
State Industrial School, Lancaster, . .	66.	72.18	67.87	71.44	78.6	94.07	89.01	89.2	95.	117.	116.	120.
Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded,	143.	148.	179.	195.	198.	240.	328.	364.	398.	423.	426.	416.
Aggregates, ...	5,117.1	5,049.01	5,141.36	5,423.67	5,607.27	5,894.2	6,054.74	6,505.22	6,723.81	7,264.08	7,374.89	7,726.99

* For ten months. † For five months, equivalent to 194.41 through the year. ‡ For thirty-four weeks. § For nine months.

INSANITY IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS.

TABLE XIX. — *Admissions, Discharges, etc., at Institutions for the Insane for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1896.*

	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Insane Asylum.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Medfield Insane Asylum.	Asylum Wards, State Almshouse, Tewksbury.	Asylum Wards, State Farm, Bridgewater.	McLean Hospital, Waverley.	Boston Lunatic Hospital.	Herbert Hall, Worcester.	The Highlands, Winchendon.
Remaining Sept. 30, 1895,	961	447	846	546	948	567	-	473	244	136	*527	7	14
Males,	455	225	416	275	478	209	-	100	244	61	236	-	7
Females,	506	222	430	271	470	358	-	373	-	75	291	7	7
Since admitted,	576	20	432	209	429	276	600	78	100	121	114	8	12
Males,	281	-	222	114	209	116	298	25	100	56	48	-	7
Females,	295	20	210	95	220	160	302	53	-	65	66	8	5
Cases within the year,	1,537	467	1,278	755	1,377	843	600	551	344	257	641	15	26
Persons within the year,	1,515	467	1,270	745	1,362	835	600	551	344	255	630	15	26
Males,	724	225	632	384	678	323	298	125	344	116	281	-	14
Females,	791	242	638	361	684	512	302	426	-	139	349	15	12
Residents of other States,	-	-	-	6	1	5	-	-	-	52	-	-	12
Average number,	956.25	427.36	819.37	560.49	914.28	579.9	461.61	475.8	267.04	133.98	508.4	8.5	13.75
Discharges, viz.: —	676	42	479	196	520	295	37	77	44	107	159	3	12
Recovered,	107	1	65	36	59	51	-	4	7	29	20	-	6
Much improved,	82	-	45	14	59	50	-	3	2	15	17	2	4
Improved,	91	4	47	39	56	27	2	7	3	15	18	1	-
Not improved,	288	2	211	60	240	106	11	23	20	31	62	-	1
Not insane,	1	-	-	1	4	17	-	1	3	-	-	-	-
Died,	107	35	111	46	102	44	24	39	9	17	42	-	1

TABLE XIX. — Continued.

	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Insane Asylum.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Medfield Insane Asylum.	Asylum Wards, State Almshouse, Tewksbury.	Asylum Wards, State Farm, Bridgewater.	McLean Hospital, Waverley.	Boston Lunatic Hospital.	Herbert Hall, Worcester.	The Highlands, Winchendon.
Remaining Sept. 30, 1896,	861	425	799	559	857	548	563	474	300	150	482	12	14
Males,	377	207	386	292	392	209	272	98	300	72	238	—	8
Females,	484	218	413	267	465	339	291	376	—	78	244	12	6
Supported by the State,	233	114	150	75	180	96	128	281	188	—	—	—	—
by towns,	474	311	564	405	568	351	435	193	112	—	406	—	—
by individuals,	154	—	85	79	109	101	—	—	—	150	76	12	14
Residents of other States,	—	—	—	6	1	2	—	—	—	30	—	—	3
Whole number of admissions, viz.: —	576	20	432	209	429	276	600	78	100	121	114	8	—
Supported by the State,	282	6	191	49	164	81	129	47	63	—	—	—	—
by towns,	228	14	207	134	218	135	471	31	37	—	97	—	—
by individuals,	66	—	34	26	47	60	—	—	—	121	17	8	12
First hospital admissions,	442	—	338	150	326	187	—	28	44	96	62	8	8
Former inmates,	134	20	94	59	103	89	600	50	56	25	52	—	4
Of this hospital,	87	—	55	45	59	52	—	1	2	12	29	—	2
Of other hospitals,	47	20	39	14	44	37	600	49	54	13	23	—	2
Among the admissions were													
Admitted as habitual drunkards,	6	—	8	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Received as voluntary patients,	—	—	1	—	2	11	—	—	—	49	7	8	11

* Returned last year as 527, — males, 239; females, 288.

TABLE XIX. — Continued.

	Private Asylum, Brookline.	Woodbourne, Jamaica Plain.	Riverview, Baldwinville.	Private Asylum, Norwood.	Newton Nervine.	Broadview, Agawam.	Attleborough Sanitarium.	Private Hospital, Newton.	Locust Grove Asylum, Sandwich.	Cutter Retreat, Pepperell.	Boarded in Families.	Total for the State.
Remaining Sept. 30, 1895,	14	6	4	3	8	3	1	6	2	-	142	5,905
Males,	3	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	26	2,741
Females,	11	6	3	3	5	1	1	6	2	-	116	3,164
Since admitted,	5	11	2	3	15	4	3	12	-	1	8	3,039
Males,	1	6	-	1	7	1	1	5	-	-	1	1,499
Females,	4	5	2	2	8	3	2	7	-	1	7	1,540
Cases within the year,	19	17	6	6	23	7	4	18	2	1	150	8,944
Persons within the year,	19	17	6	6	23	7	4	17	2	1	149	8,082
Males,	4	6	1	1	10	3	1	5	-	-	27	3,816
Females,	15	11	5	5	13	4	3	12	2	1	122	4,266
Residents of other States,	6	4	1	1	9	-	2	-	1	1	-	102
Average number,	14.16	7.	4.98	3.75	7.9	3.06	.42	5.06	2.	1.	133.63	6,042.49
Discharges, viz.: —	9	6	2	2	15	4	4	14	-	-	21	2,724
Recovered,	3	1	-	1	5	2	-	5	-	-	2	404
Much improved,	-	1	1	-	7	-	-	3	-	-	1	306
Improved,	1	-	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	319
Not improved,	3	2	-	-	1	1	1	4	-	-	12	1,079
Not insane,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Died,	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	589
Remaining Sept. 30, 1896,	10	11	4	4	8	3	-	4	2	1	129	6,220
Males,	2	3	1	-	4	1	-	2	-	-	24	2,888
Females,	8	8	3	4	4	2	-	2	2	1	105	3,332

TABLE XIX. — Concluded.

	Private Asylum, Brookline.	Woodbourne, Jamaica Plain.	Riverview, Baldwinville.	Private Asylum, Norwood.	Newton Nervine.	Broadview, Agawam.	Attleborough Sanitarium.	Private Hospital, Newton.	Locust Grove Asylum, Sandwich.	Cutter Retreat, Pepperell.	Boarded in Families.	Total for the State.
Supported by the State,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	1,478
by towns,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	3,892*
by individuals,	10	11	4	4	8	3	-	4	2	1	21	848
Residents of other States,	3	3	1	2	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	57
Whole number of admissions, viz.: —	5	11	2	3	15	4	3	12	-	1	8	3,039
Supported by the State,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,689
by towns,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	905
by individuals,	5	11	2	3	15	4	3	12	-	1	4	445
First hospital admissions,	4	8	2	1	12	2	3	9	-	1	-	1,731
Former inmates,	1	3	-	2	3	2	-	3	-	-	8	1,308
Of this hospital,	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	349
Of other hospitals,	1	3	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	7	959
Among the admissions were												
Admitted as habitual drunkards,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Received as voluntary patients,	-	1	2	2	13	1	3	7	-	1	-	119

* Very many of these are practically private patients, the cities and towns being reimbursed by friends, who thus profit by the lower rate of support.

TABLE XX. — *Number of State, Town and Private Patients remaining in the Public Hospitals and Asylums for the Insane on the 30th of September, for Thirty Years.*

YEARS.	WORCESTER LUNATIC HOSPITAL.			WORCESTER INSANE ASYLUM.		TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.			NORTHAMPTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.			DANVERS LUNATIC HOSPITAL.		
	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.
1867, . .	101	142	114	–	–	153	132	51	271	49	93	–	–	–
1868, . .	96	141	145	–	–	181	168	49	264	51	106	–	–	–
1869, . .	51	173	152	–	–	145	194	44	234	63	105	–	–	–
1870, . .	35	193	181	–	–	124	208	50	209	73	123	–	–	–
1871, . .	29	211	181	–	–	91	213	78	215	89	116	–	–	–
1872, . .	25	241	173	–	–	85	261	68	230	99	104	–	–	–
1873, . .	48	244	177	–	–	76	290	68	247	101	85	–	–	–
1874, . .	82	244	159	–	–	128	308	72	291	110	75	–	–	–
1875, . .	42	296	140	–	–	135	394	73	262	139	75	–	–	–
1876, . .	35	320	132	–	–	137	485	70	253	148	63	–	–	–
1877, . .	51	355	122	–	–	158	563	55	239	175	61	–	–	–
1878, . .	77	303	129	97	278	134	387	58	198	179	52	80	107	35
1879, . .	73	300	116	118	253	126	378	55	202	184	56	149	334	50
1880, . .	120	311	102	120	253	119	378	59	183	206	57	134	395	78
1881, . .	114	363	108	95	272	81	411	56	176	229	58	112	432	82
1882, . .	135	442	104	104	277	94	414	60	161	244	54	115	442	99
1883, . .	184	436	111	105	287	111	463	59	158	253	58	150	461	110
1884, . .	170	460	119	109	277	100	458	69	153	253	57	153	452	113
1885, . .	197	464	125	112	293	123	472	61	154	262	60	214	434	104
1886, . .	149	486	123	100	298	113	484	66	141	283	67	200	459	104
1887, . .	135	432	127	93	299	111	449	74	104	300	65	165	477	98
1888, . .	163	491	116	98	297	91	455	78	103	309	69	104	504	107
1889, . .	154	534	121	94	289	94	444	79	88	297	61	110	541	108
1890, . .	180	483	122	82	217	131	463	85	101	323	71	142	563	108
1891, . .	207	491	127	117	294	129	472	79	80	302	71	138	575	104
1892, . .	248	487	156	146	303	108	509	81	84	332	73	135	613	115
1893, . .	223	528	135	139	315	147	533	71	81	327	72	142	615	112
1894, . .	204	576	144	137	326	121	567	97	73	361	70	130	660	116
1895, . .	208	606	147	121	326	118	637	91	73	390	73	138	698	112
1896, . .	233	474	154	114	311	150	564	85	75	405	79	180	568	109

TABLE XX. — *Number of State, Town and Private Patients, etc.* — Concluded.

YEARS.	At Ipswich* and Westborough.			At Tewksbury.		At Bridgewater.		At Somerville.	At Boston Lunatic Hospital.		Totals by Classes.			Total of all Classes.
	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	State Patients	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	State Patients.	Town Patients.	Private Patients.	
1867, . .	–	39	15	248	–	–	–	181	130	36	773	532	490	1,795
1868, . .	–	38	44	264	–	–	–	173	154	25	805	552	512	1,869
1869, . .	–	40	16	267	–	–	–	186	185	19	697	955	522	1,874
1870, . .	–	47	19	294	–	–	–	186	207	15	662	728	574	1,962
1871, . .	–	34	17	295	–	–	–	170	223	17	630	770	579	1,976
1872, . .	–	43	18	299	–	–	–	174	200	14	639	844	551	2,034
1873, . .	–	45	19	303	–	–	–	163	178	13	674	858	525	2,057
1874, . .	–	41	20	319	–	–	–	150	183	22	820	886	498	2,204
1875, . .	–	43	19	286	–	–	–	159	172	29	725	1,044	495	2,264
1876, . .	–	50	21	284	–	–	–	159	177	18	711	1,180	463	2,354
1877, . .	–	51	20	286	–	–	–	183	166	26	734	1,310	467	2,511
1878, . .	–	55	15	251	–	–	–	163	170	26	837	1,479	478	2,794
1879, . .	–	54	12	202	–	–	–	160	130	23	870	1,634	472	2,976
1880, . .	–	49	12	159	32	–	–	163	136	26	867	1,760	497	3,123
1881, . .	–	46	12	193	34	–	–	153	154	24	805	1,941	493	3,239
1882, . .	–	50	9	237	37	–	–	160	169	19	846	2,075	505	3,426
1883, . .	–	51	11	218	34	–	–	174	171	16	926	2,156	539	3,621
1884, . .	–	46	7	307	37	–	–	175	178	16	955	2,161	556	3,672
1885, . .	–	50	7	265	34	–	–	169	195	19	1,064	2,205	545	3,814
1886, . .	–	47	7	325	42	48	–	161	206	27	1,076	2,305	555	3,936
1887, . .	115	172	22	318	41	106	29	169	214	33	1,137	2,413	588	4,138
1888, . .	113	258	35	270	82	100	41	179	153	23	1,042	2,590	607	4,239
1889, . .	196	264	43	281	83	112	35	182	276	37	1,129	2,764†	631	4,524†
1890, . .	158	309	41	275	89	112	36	184	335	42	1,181	2,819†	653	4,653†
1891, . .	137	308	48	278	86	147	76	174	364	63	1,233	2,969†	666	4,868†
1892, . .	170	323	51	279	101	147	83	185	347	61	1,317	3,098	722	5,137
1893, . .	132	314	68	295	168	137	85	177	402	50	1,296	3,287	685	5,268
1894, . .	134	357	82	298	162	155	93	181	392	61	1,252	3,494	751	5,497
1895, . .	125	342	100	294	179	161	83	136	454	73	1,238	3,725	732	5,695
1896, . .	96	351	101	281	193	188	112	150	406	76	1,445	3,819	754	6,018‡

* Ipswich Asylum discontinued and Westborough opened in 1887. † Includes one town patient at Somerville.

‡ Including at Medfield Insane Asylum 563 patients, — State 128 and Town 435.

TABLE XXI. — *Cases of Insanity and Persons Insane at Public and Private Asylums. — 1895-96.*

	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.	Worcester Insane Asylum.	Taunton Lunatic Hospital.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital.	Danvers Lunatic Hospital.	Westborough Insane Hospital.	Medfield Insane Asylum.	Asylum Wards, State Almshouse, Tewksbury.	Asylum Wards, State Farm, Bridgewater.	McLean Hospital, Waverley.	Boston Lunatic Hospital.	Total Public Hospitals.	Private Hospitals.	Aggregates.
Cases admitted within the year,	576	20	432	209	429	276	600	78	100	121	114	2,955	76	3,031
Recent (insane less than one year),	296	-	168	110	208	136	-	5	35	78	43	1,079	59	1,138
Chronic (insane one year or more),	248	20	128	96	169	109	569	27	56	43	71	1,536	17	1,553
Of unknown duration,	32	-	136	3	52	31	31	46	9	-	-	340	-	340
Persons admitted within the year,	576	20	427	204	427	272	600	78	100	119	105	2,846	76	2,922
Recent cases,	291	-	163	106	206	133	-	5	35	78	43	996	59	1,055
Chronic cases,	245	20	128	95	169	108	569	27	56	41	62	1,511	17	1,528
Unknown,	31	-	136	3	52	31	31	46	9	-	-	339	-	339
New Cases. — Persons first admitted to any hospital,	442	-	338	150	326	187	-	28	44	96	62	1,672	58	1,730
Recent insanity,	247	-	142	89	177	99	-	3	35	66	43	901	50	951
Chronic insanity,	167	-	98	60	107	68	-	9	-	30	19	558	8	566
Unknown,	28	-	98	1	42	20	-	16	9	-	-	213	-	213
Persons readmitted to some hospital,	125	20	89	54	101	85	600	51	56	23	52	1,177	14	1,191
transferred from other hospitals,	14	20	4	-	8	8	600	51	50	3	23	764	2	770
admitted from the general community,	553	-	423	204	419	264	-	27	50	116	82	2,082	74	2,152
viz.: from cities and large towns (aggregate population,),	547	-	317	104	341	189	-	20	40	92	82	1,676	58	1,730
from rural districts (aggregate population,),	6	-	106	100	78	75	-	7	10	24	-	406	16	422
Whole number of cases within the year,	1,537	467	1,278	755	1,377	843	600	551	344	257	641	8,650	144	8,794
number of persons within the year,	1,515	467	1,270	745	1,362	835	600	551	344	255	630	7,819	143	7,962
Recoveries within the year,	107	1	65	36	59	51	-	4	7	29	20	379	23	402
Deaths within the year,	107	35	111	46	102	44	21	39	9	17	42	576	6	582

TABLE XXII. — *Record of Cases admitted within the Year 1895-96 at Five State Hospitals.*

	Insane.			Habitual Drunkards.			Aggregates.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted,	942	957	1,899	–	23	23	942	980	1,922
Discharged recovered,	103	99	202	–	6	6	103	105	208
much improved,	66	60	126	–	3	3	66	63	129
improved,	79	63	142	–	–	–	79	63	142
not improved,	115	76	191	–	–	–	115	76	191
not insane,	7	5	12	–	6	6	7	11	18
Died,	72	73	145	–	–	–	72	73	145
Remaining Sept. 30, 1896,	500	581	1,081	–	8	8	500	589	1,089
Number likely to recover or improve,	114	125	239	–	6	6	114	131	*245

* Besides a portion of 150 cases unclassified at Westborough.

FORMS OF MENTAL DISEASE.

TABLE XXIII. — *Forms of Mental Disease in Cases Admitted or Discharged at Five State Hospitals, with Condition on Discharge — 1895-96.*

FORMS OF DISEASE.	Cases admitted in the year ending Sept. 30, 1896.	CASES DISCHARGED, 1895-96.					
		Recovered.	Much Improved.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Died.	Aggregate.
1. *Insane.*							
Mania, acute,	224	80	29	27	26	22	184
chronic,	138	1	18	39	134	34	226
recurrent,	49	20	6	4	7	2	39
puerperal and hysterical,	30	13	5	7	2	4	31
Melancholia, acute,	229	69	41	31	22	32	195
chronic,	59	4	14	16	39	23	96
recurrent,	5	7	3	4	-	-	14
Dementia, primary,	37	4	2	9	19	5	39
secondary,	173	-	15	21	239	36	311
senile,	124	-	3	8	35	84	130
organic,	37	-	1	4	7	24	36
Monomania,	152	-	22	28	110	11	171
Acute confusional insanity,	38	8	8	3	-	4	23
Paralysis,	22	-	-	2	4	11	17
Paresis,	117	-	9	15	50	78	152
Epilepsy,	93	2	5	10	77	22	116
Toxic insanity, alcoholic, etc.,	189	100	34	14	42	8	198
Hypochondriacal insanity,	9	-	2	2	3	1	8
Chorea,	1	-	1	-	1	-	2
Paranoia,	57	-	18	7	25	3	53
Adolescence,	38	1	2	3	9	-	15
Congenital,	26	-	1	3	20	3	27
Idiocy and imbecility,	34	-	5	2	34	3	44
2. *Habitual Drunkards,*	24	9	6	-	8	-	23
3. *Not Insane,*	17	-	-	1	14	-	15
Total of cases,	1,922	318	250	260	928	410	2,166
Total of persons,	1,919	-	-	-	-	410	2,103

TABLE XXIV. — *Probable Causes of Mental Diseases in Persons Admitted at Seven Hospitals in 1895-96.*

CAUSES.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.			Taunton Lunatic Hospital.			Northampton Lunatic Hospital.			Danvers Lunatic Hospital.			Westborough Insane Hospital.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. *Physical:* —															
Congenital,	7	6	13	4	8	12	5	-	5	5	-	5	2	-	2
Heredity,	16	21	37	13	13	26	8	17	25	27	20	47	6	18	24
Ill health,	3	7	10	-	5	5	12	8	20	2	13	15	11	19	30
Senility,	14	19	33	16	13	29	1	5	6	13	12	25	-	9	9
Use of narcotics,	-	1	1	3	2	5	1	-	1	1	2	3	1	-	1
Dissipation,	11	1	12	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Intemperance,	71	38	109	41	19	60	29	10	39	36	16	52	16	18	34
Masturbation,	11	2	13	9	-	9	9	-	9	3	-	3	3	1	4
Overwork,	7	5	12	6	5	11	2	1	3	1	3	4	3	14	17
Childbirth and pregnancy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Menopause,	-	12	12	-	3	3	-	2	2	-	7	7	-	8	8
Puerperal,	-	18	18	-	6	6	-	4	4	-	10	10	-	4	4
Miscarriage,	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puberty,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uterine,	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage, etc.,	5	7	12	5	2	7	-	1	1	4	7	11	3	2	5
Epilepsy,	18	14	32	13	4	17	8	6	14	9	10	19	4	5	9
Chorea,	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralysis,	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locomotor ataxia,	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Injuries,	7	6	13	11	1	12	1	-	1	2	-	2	9	-	9
Sunstroke,	4	-	4	2	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	5
Nervous exhaustion,	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza,	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis,	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Grippe,	7	2	9	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-
Malaria,	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phthisis,	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia,	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PROBABLE CAUSES OF MENTAL DISEASE.

Dyspepsia,	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever,	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilis,	4	5	9	4	1	5	-	-	-	5	3	8	2	1	3
Typhoid fever,	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Meningitis,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surgical operation,	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Privation,	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous,	1	1	2	3	2	5	4	1	5	3	-	3	-	3	3
2. *Mental:* —															
Affliction, grief, etc.,	2	8	10	2	6	8	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-
Anxiety, worry, etc.,	3	9	12	2	6	8	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fright,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	2
Prison confinement,	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Mental overwork,	1	4	5	2	-	2	1	1	2	2	3	5	-	-	-
Religious excitement,	1	10	11	2	3	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	5
Business trouble,	6	2	8	9	1	10	1	-	1	2	3	5	2	-	2
Domestic trouble,	1	7	8	-	2	2	2	4	6	4	7	11	-	3	3
Disappointment,	-	5	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nostalgia,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not insane,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	7	5	12
Unknown,	66	63	129	61	96	157	23	27	50	81	82	163	41	42	83
Totals,	275	292	567	218	209	427	110	94	204	209	218	427	116	160	276

TABLE XXIV. — Concluded.

CAUSES.	McLEAN HOSPITAL, WAVERLEY.			BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.			TOTAL.			PREVIOUS ATTACKS.			HEREDITARY PREDISPOSITION.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. *Physical:* —															
Congenital,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	14	37	5	2	7	4	1	5
Heredity,	3	1	4	3	3	6	76	93	169	43	37	80	69	77	146
Ill health,	-	7	7	5	9	14	33	68	101	3	13	16	3	7	10
Senility,	-	4	4	5	8	13	49	70	119	3	2	5	2	6	8
Use of narcotics,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	11	-	2	2	-	-	-
Dissipation,	1	-	1	-	-	-	13	3	16	-	-	-	1	-	1
Intemperance,	1	-	1	9	2	11	203	103	306	34	27	61	17	6	23
Masturbation,	1	-	1	4	-	4	40	3	43	8	-	8	4	1	5
Overwork,	11	6	17	3	3	6	33	37	70	9	13	22	8	4	12
Childbirth and pregnancy,	-	7	7	-	1	1	-	9	9	-	2	2	-	1	1
Menopause,	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	36	36	-	9	9	-	5	5
Puerperal,	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	49	49	-	9	9	-	7	7
Miscarriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puberty,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	1	1	1	-	1
Uterine,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage, etc.,	-	2	2	3	-	3	20	21	41	-	1	1	-	2	2
Epilepsy,	-	-	-	3	-	3	55	39	94	7	5	12	7	5	12
Chorea,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralysis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Locomotor ataxia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Injuries,	-	2	2	5	1	6	35	10	45	7	-	7	2	2	4
Sunstroke,	-	-	-	2	1	3	12	4	16	3	1	4	-	3	3
Nervous exhaustion,	1	1	2	-	2	3	5	5	10	3	1	4	1	-	1
Influenza,	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis,	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
La Grippe,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	6	19	6	-	6	2	-	2
Malaria,	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	1
Phthisis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	1	1
Pneumonia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

PROBABLE CAUSES OF MENTAL DISEASE.

Dyspepsia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	4	-	2	2
Scarlet fever,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Syphilis,	-	-	-	1	2	3	16	12	28	-	1	1	2	-	2
Typhoid fever,	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	2	6	-	-	-	1	1	2
Meningitis,	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Surgical operation,	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Privation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	-	-
Miscellaneous,	3	-	3	-	-	-	14	7	21	2	2	4	1	-	1
2. *Mental:* —															
Affliction, grief, etc.,	1	4	5	-	-	-	5	29	34	2	7	9	2	6	8
Anxiety, worry, etc.,	2	6	8	-	1	1	8	26	34	2	6	8	2	5	7
Fright,	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	7	7	-	2	2	-	-	-
Prison confinement,	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental overwork,	2	-	2	1	-	1	9	8	17	2	2	4	1	2	3
Religious excitement,	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	17	24	1	3	4	-	3	3
Business trouble,	5	-	5	3	1	4	28	7	35	5	3	8	6	1	7
Domestic trouble,	2	-	2	2	3	5	11	26	37	2	2	4	1	4	5
Disappointment,	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	7	7	-	2	2	-	1	1
Nostalgia,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not insane,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	7	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown,	11	12	23	30	31	61	313	353	666	33	48	81	4	2	6
Totals,	45	63	108	84	81	165	1,057	1,117	2,174	181	213	394	143	156	299

TABLE XXV. — *Causes of Death at Seven Hospitals in the Last Official Year, 1895–96.*

CAUSES.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.			Taunton Lunatic Hospital.			Northampton Lunatic Hospital.			Danvers Lunatic Hospital.			Westborough Insane Hospital.			McLean Hospital.			Boston Lunatic Hospital.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. Diseases of Nervous System:—																								
Exhaustion of Mania, acute,	4	–	4	2	3	5	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	2	2	–	1	1	–	2	2	6	10	16
chronic,	1	1	2	1	4	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	5	7
puerperal,	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
of Melancholia, acute,	1	–	1	2	7	9	–	–	–	–	3	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	10	13
chronic,	1	1	2	2	3	5	–	–	–	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	4	9
of Dementia, secondary,	2	–	2	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	1	6
senile,	7	4	11	2	2	4	2	–	2	2	4	6	5	7	12	–	–	–	2	6	8	20	23	43
organic,	–	3	3	2	3	5	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	3	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	9	13
Epilepsy,	–	2	2	2	–	2	–	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	8	13
Paresis,	12	2	14	13	2	15	2	–	2	19	7	26	5	2	7	4	–	4	6	1	7	61	14	75
Paralysis,	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3	4	2	6
Meningitis,	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3
Tetanus,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Locomotor ataxia,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	2
Convulsions,	1	3	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	4
Neuritis,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Organic brain disease,	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	4	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	5
2. Diseases of Respiratory System:—																								
Phthisis pulmonalis,	4	9	13	8	9	17	4	7	11	2	3	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	6	8	20	34	54
Pneumonia,	7	5	12	4	6	10	–	–	–	6	1	7	–	4	4	2	–	2	–	1	1	19	17	36
Bronchitis,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	2
Pulmonary congestion,	–	–	–	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	3
Pleurisy,	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	3
Pneumo-thorax,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.

3. Diseases of Circulatory System:—																								
Hemorrhage, cerebral, etc.,	1	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	3	2	11	13
Heart disease,	2	1	3	1	5	6	1	1	2	2	3	5	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	2	8	13	21
failure,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
rupture,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Apoplexy,	-	-	-	2	3	5	2	-	2	10	4	14	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	9	24
Cerebral embolism,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Thrombosis,	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Aneurism,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
4. Diseases of Digestive System:—																								
Dysentery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	2
Diarrhœa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	5	8
Peritonitis,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Enteritis,	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Intestinal catarrh,	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
obstruction,	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	3
5. General Causes:—																								
Diabetes,	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Bright's disease,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	1	5
Nephritis,	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	7
Cancer,	1	4	5	1	2	3	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	11
Erysipelas,	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Gangrene,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
Old age,	-	-	-	2	1	3	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	1	7	3	10
Suicide,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Miscellaneous,	2	2	4	3	3	6	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	8	8	16
Totals,	56	51	107	54	57	111	28	18	46	59	43	102	15	29	44	9	4	13	20	22	42	241	224	465

TABLE XXVI. — *Duration before Admission in Cases recovered or died in the Last Official Year at Seven Hospitals — 1895-96.*

PERIOD.	WORCESTER LUNATIC HOSPITAL				TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.				NORTHAMPTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.				DANVERS LUNATIC HOSPITAL.			
	RECOVERED.		DIED.		RECOVERED.		DIED.		RECOVERED.		DIED.		RECOVERED.		DIED.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Congenital,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 month,	24	25	8	6	12	16	6	5	12	6	4	4	23	12	9	3
From 1 to 3 months,	8	15	6	3	3	6	1	7	7	2	3	5	3	7	12	5
3 to 6 months,	3	5	4	2	2	7	3	9	1	3	-	1	4	1	1	6
6 to 12 months,	5	6	4	7	-	2	10	5	1	-	2	1	2	2	4	2
1 to 2 years,	-	2	6	6	3	2	10	6	1	-	3	1	2	1	5	6
2 to 5 years,	3	5	8	8	-	-	6	7	1	1	5	2	-	1	12	10
5 to 10 years,	1	1	2	2	-	-	4	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	7
Over 10 years,	-	4	3	8	-	1	2	1	-	1	6	4	-	1	8	4
Unknown,	-	-	15	9	9	2	12	11	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	-
Total of cases,	44	63	56	51	29	36	54	57	23	13	28	18	34	25	59	43
Total of persons,	44	63	56	51	29	36	54	57	23	13	28	18	34	25	59	43
Average period of known cases (in months),	3.59	12.23	23.80	34.80	2.75	6.38	32.07	23.31	3.47	12.14	62.92	48.48	2.65	11.28	45.28	50.35

Table XXVI. — Concluded.

Duration before admission.

Period.	Westborough Insane Hospital.				McLean Hospital.				Boston Lunatic Hospital.				Aggregates.			
	Recovered.		Died.		Recovered.		Died.		Recovered.		Died.		Recovered.		Died.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Congenital,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Under 1 month,	7	9	–	5	5	8	2	1	2	7	2	5	85	83	31	29
From 1 to 3 months,	5	14	1	2	3	3	4	–	3	1	2	2	32	48	29	24
3 to 6 months,	1	4	2	3	2	3	1	–	–	3	6	3	13	26	17	24
6 to 12 months,	–	1	1	3	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	1	8	12	24	19
1 to 2 years,	–	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	–	2	2	10	8	30	24
2 to 5 years,	2	2	2	8	–	–	–	1	1	1	4	5	7	10	37	41
5 to 10 years,	–	1	3	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	2	1	2	15	19
Over 10 years,	–	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	9	20	21
Unknown,	1	1	3	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	3	38	23
Total of cases,	16	35	15	29	12	16	9	4	8	13	20	22	166	201	241	224
Total of persons,	16	35	15	29	12	16	9	4	8	13	20	22	166	201	241	224
Average period of known cases (in months),	4.80	14.54	29.50	44.66	3.98	2.89	12.12	42.08	8.14	5.34	21.49	36.41	3.60	10.27	35.17	37.52

TABLE XXVII. — *Cases of Previous Years at Five State Hospitals, Recovered or Died in 1895–96, or Undischarged.*

Remaining of those Committed in the Official Year ending Sept. 30.	Worcester Lunatic Hospital.				Taunton Lunatic Hospital.				Northampton Lunatic Hospital.				Danvers Lunatic Hospital.				Westborough Lunatic Hospital.				Total.					Official Years.
	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining.	Whole No.	Recovered.	Died.	Otherwise Discharged.	Remaining.	
1863 and previous, .	4	–	–	3	9	–	2	7	12	–	1	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	–	3	1	21	1863
1864, . . .	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	2	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	4	1864
1865, . . .	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	5	1865
1866, . . .	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	5	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	2	4	1866
1867, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1867
1868, . . .	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	3	1868
1869, . . .	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	3	1869
1870, . . .	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	4	1870
1871, . . .	4	–	–	4	1	–	–	1	7	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	–	4	8	1871
1872, . . .	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	6	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	–	2	6	1872
1873, . . .	3	–	–	3	5	–	–	5	5	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	13	–	–	–	13	1873
1874, . . .	4	–	–	3	2	–	–	1	3	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	–	–	3	6	1874
1875, . . .	3	–	1	–	5	–	–	5	12	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20	–	1	3	16	1875
1876, . . .	3	–	–	2	4	–	–	4	3	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	1	9	1876
1877, . . .	16	–	3	12	11	–	1	9	10	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	37	–	4	2	31	1877

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1878,	.	.	.	12	-	9	8	-	1	4	4	-	-	4	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	32	-	1	8	23	1878
1879,	.	.	.	5	-	5	10	-	-	10	5	-	1	3	28	-	19	-	-	-	-	48	-	2	9	37	1879
1880,	.	.	.	8	-	6	5	-	-	5	8	-	-	8	20	-	15	-	-	-	-	41	-	2	5	34	1880
1881,	.	.	.	12	-	10	13	-	1	12	8	-	-	7	21	-	13	-	-	-	-	54	-	4	8	42	1881
1882,	.	.	.	12	-	7	9	-	1	6	13	-	-	12	25	-	14	-	-	-	-	59	-	3	17	39	1882
1883,	.	.	.	17	-	13	18	-	1	15	11	-	-	7	18	-	8	-	-	-	-	64	-	3	18	43	1883
1884,	.	.	.	16	-	15	12	-	-	11	15	-	-	14	19	-	12	-	-	-	-	62	-	3	7	52	1884
1885,	.	.	.	11	-	11	16	-	2	10	19	-	-	18	35	-	25	-	-	-	-	81	-	3	14	64	1885
1886,	.	.	.	15	-	15	19	-	-	18	15	-	1	11	31	-	19	-	-	-	-	80	-	3	14	63	1886
1887,	.	.	.	18	-	12	28	-	1	22	1	-	-	-	31	-	18	75	-	2	57	153	-	4	40	109	1887
1888,	.	.	.	23	-	13	26	1	3	18	40	-	-	39	63	-	40	37	-	-	24	189	1	6	48	134	1888
1889,	.	.	.	27	-	20	16	-	1	11	19	-	2	17	39	-	31	25	-	2	20	126	-	8	19	99	1889
1890,	.	.	.	30	-	20	35	-	-	30	30	-	3	27	56	-	35	30	-	1	25	181	-	10	34	137	1890
1891,	.	.	.	70	-	52	43	-	2	29	29	-	3	25	63	-	54	34	-	3	25	239	-	12	42	185	1891
1892,	.	.	.	88	-	61	74	-	4	56	25	-	2	22	73	-	44	40	-	1	26	300	-	17	74	209	1892
1893,	.	.	.	75	-	48	92	1	10	58	54	-	7	42	97	1	64	72	1	3	57	390	3	34	84	269	1893
1894,	.	.	.	166	4	88	130	2	7	59	55	-	6	34	115	2	69	105	2	5	78	571	10	40	193	328	1894
1895,	.	.	.	314	31	129	249	22	30	115	120	12	7	70	206	18	99	149	15	10	86	1,038	98	101	340	499	1895
1896,	.	.	.	576	72	295	432	39	44	243	209	24	13	134	429	38	272	276	33	17	150	1,922	206	145	477	1,094	1896
Total cases,				1,537	107	861	1,278	65	111	799	755	36	46	569	1,377	59	857	843	51	44	548	5,790	318	409	1,439	3,624	-
Total persons,				1,515	-	-	1,270	-	-	-	745	-	-	-	1,362	-	-	835	-	-	-	5,703	-	-	-	3,624	-

TABLE XXVIII. — *Average Duration (in Months) of Cases Recovered or Died at Seven Hospitals in Seventeen Years.*

	Averages in 1895-96.			Averages of Previous Sixteen Years.			Seventeen Years' Averages.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number of recoveries,	166	201	367	2,985	2,715	5,700	3,151	2,916	6,067
of deaths,	241	224	465	3,021	2,362	5,383	3,262	2,586	5,848
Duration before admission, — cases recovered,	3.64	11.32	7.94	10.14	10.50	10.31	9.82	10.57	10.19
cases died,	34.45	42.14	38.27	42.43	36.13	37.78	41.92	36.60	39.57
Hospital residence, — cases recovered,	6.59	8.98	8.12	6.31	7.62	6.69	6.46	7.70	7.07
cases died,	35.07	36.25	35.65	26.69	32.15	29.05	29.15	32.50	30.63
Whole duration, — cases recovered,	10.76	18.15	14.89	17.08	15.96	16.55	16.77	12.27	14.60
cases died,	64.52	72.55	68.46	66.70	70.92	68.55	68.09	71.05	69.40

TABLE XXIX. — *Results of Different Admissions at Seven Hospitals.*

CONDITION ON DISCHARGE.	OFFICIAL YEAR, 1895-96.			SEVENTEEN YEARS, 1880-96.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number discharged, . . .	1,230	1,178	2,408	14,240	13,261	27,501
On First Admission, ...	1,052	962	2,014	11,743	10,734	22,477
viz.: — Recovered, ...	144	159	303	2,607	2,318	4,925
Died, ...	213	202	415	2,805	2,334	5,139
Otherwise, ...	695	601	1,296	6,331	6,082	12,413
On Second Admission, ...	126	142	268	1,746	1,647	3,393
viz.: — Recovered, ...	17	19	36	338	357	695
Died, ...	21	17	38	343	261	604
Otherwise, ...	88	106	194	1,065	1,029	2,094
On Third Admission, ...	29	38	67	397	472	869
viz.: — Recovered, ...	1	11	12	82	112	194
Died, ...	3	2	5	58	53	111
Otherwise, ...	25	25	50	257	307	564
On Fourth or Subsequent Admissions, .	23	36	59	354	408	762
viz.: — Recovered, ...	4	12	16	118	139	257
Died, ...	4	3	7	36	40	76
Otherwise, ...	15	21	36	200	229	429
Whole number of persons discharged, .	1,224	1,176	2,400	-	-	-

NOTE. — The seven hospitals reported 28,771 discharges in the seventeen years; but in some of the earlier years the classification was incomplete. The latter remark applies also to the three following Tables, XXX., XXXI. and XXXII., in which only the classified cases are included out of the admissions of seventeen years.

PARENTAGE AND CIVIL CONDITION.

TABLE XXX. — *Parentage of 27,105 Cases Admitted within the last Seventeen Years at Seven Hospitals of Massachusetts.*

PLACES OF PARENT-NATIVITY.	MALES (13,855).		FEMALES (13,250).		TOTAL (27,105).	
	Fathers.	Mothers.	Fathers.	Mothers.	Fathers.	Mothers.
Massachusetts, . . .	3,190	3,249	2,541	2,543	5,731	5,792
Other States, . . .	2,211	2,192	1,775	1,879	3,986	4,071
Total American, . .	5,401	5,441	4,316	4,422	9,717	9,863
Total foreign, viz.: —	7,300	7,251	7,644	7,528	14,944	14,779
Canada, ...	874	906	886	944	1,760	1,850
Great Britain, . . .	973	908	906	809	1,879	1,717
Ireland, ...	4,444	4,468	5,008	4,995	9,452	9,463
Other countries, . .	1,009	969	844	780	1,853	1,749
Unknown, ...	1,154	1,163	1,290	1,300	2,444	2,463
Total, ...	13,855	13,855	13,250	13,250	27,105	27,105*

* See Note to Table XXIX. on the preceding page.

TABLE XXXI. — *Civil Condition of 28,765 Cases Admitted at Seven Hospitals within Seventeen Years past.*

CIVIL CONDITION.	YEAR 1895-96.			TOTAL FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Unmarried, ...	545	404	949	6,953	5,568	12,521
Married, ...	435	480	915	6,532	5,981	12,513
Widowed, ...	71	219	290	1,068	2,401	3,469
Divorced, ...	2	7	9	22	48	70
Unknown, ...	8	8	16	122	70	192
Totals, ...	1,061	1,118	2,179	14,697	14,068	28,765

TABLE XXXII. — *Occupations of Persons Admitted at Seven Hospitals, 1880–1896.*

OCCUPATIONS.	OFFICIAL YEAR, 1895-96.			SEVENTEEN YEARS, 1880-96.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Educated or professional,	54	34	88	981	430	1,411
Domestic,	21	158	179	157	2,564	2,721
Farmers,	97	36	133	1,305	310	1,615
Housekeepers,	–	280	280	–	4,383	4,383
Laborers,	214	70	284	2,969	571	3,540
Mechanical,	339	146	485	4,665	1,533	6,198
Operatives,	57	86	143	817	940	1,757
Traders,	123	63	186	1,704	454	2,158
Miscellaneous,	35	44	79	612	269	881
No occupation, or unknown,	117	200	317	1,482	2,593	4,075
Total,	1,057	1,117	2,174	14,692	14,047	28,739

TABLE XXXIII. — *Admissions, Readmissions and Recoveries.*

	YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.	Whole Number of Admissions.	Reported First Admissions.	Reported Readmissions.	First Hospital Admissions, — Persons.	True Readmissions.	Reported Relapses after Recoveries.	Reported Recoveries.
1881-95.	Worcester,	6,064	5,074	990	4,268	2,696	395	1,327
	Taunton,	4,587	3,743	844	3,387	1,200	344	892
	Northampton,	2,348	1,827	521	1,675	673	199	479
	Danvers,	6,475	5,447	1,028	4,703	1,772	326	1,142
	Westborough,	3,132	2,070	1,062	2,002	1,130	105	745
	TOTAL FOR FIFTEEN YEARS,	22,606	18,161	4,445	16,035	7,471	1,369	4,585
1895 96.	Worcester,	576	501	75	442	134	34	107
	Taunton,	432	377	55	338	94	23	65
	Northampton,	209	168	41	150	59	14	36
	Danvers,	429	369	60	326	103	16	59
	Westborough,	276	187	89	187	89	23	51
	Total,	1,922	1,602	320	1,443	479	110	318
	SIXTEEN YEARS,	24,528	19,763	4,765	17,478	7,950	1,479	4,903

APPENDIX II.

Names of Persons sent from Boston out of the State, or to places within the State, by the Superintendent of In-door Poor, during the year ending September 30, 1896, under the provisions of Public Statutes, Chapter 79, Section 14, viz.:—

"SECT. 14. If a state pauper who has received a permit from the overseers of the poor of a city or town to become an inmate of the state almshouse expresses a preference to be sent to any state or place where he has a legal settlement, or friends willing to support him, the board may remove said pauper, instead of committing him, if in its judgment the interest of the commonwealth and of the pauper will be promoted thereby; but no person shall be so removed, unless, in the judgment of said overseers and of the board, he will become a charge to the state for at least one year; and the board shall return, in its annual report, the names of all persons so removed, the places whence removed, and the cost of each removal."

Date.	NAME.	Where Sent.	Expense.
1895.			
Oct. 8,	Kate Mullen,	Montreal, Can.,	$9 00
8,	Marcus J. Mullen,	Montreal, Can.,	–
8,	Olive F. Mullen,	Montreal, Can.,	–
9,	Mary J. Ackworth,	Hartford, Ct.,	3 25
9,	Thomas H. Doyle,	New Haven, Ct.,	3 48
9,	Joseph White,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
15,	Ella Van Rosen,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
17,	Edward A. Hanlon,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
17,	William Murphy,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
22,	Mitchell Phillips,	Montreal, Can.,	9 00
22,	Mary Phillips,	Montreal, Can.,	9 00
22,	George Phillips,	Montreal, Can.,	–
22,	Louise Phillips,	Montreal, Can.,	–
23,	Dennis Seymour,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
24,	Michael Clamarty,	Hartford, Ct.,	3 00
25,	Patrick Rielly,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
26,	John Hartry,	St. Johns, Nfld.,	13 00
31,	Kate True,	Lewiston, Me,	2 00
31,	Thomas F. True,	Lewiston, Me.,	*1 00
Nov. 4,	John Harris,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
5,	Thomas Franey,	Philadelphia, Penn.,	4 75
8,	Richmond Latham,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
12,	George Cummings,	Montreal, Can.,	9 00
14,	John W. Bright,	Camden, Me.,	2 60
14,	Ella Bright,	Camden, Me.,	2 60
14,	Kenneth Bright,	Camden, Me.,	–
16,	Joseph Phampour,	Hamburg, Germ.,	20 00
16,	James McKay,	Ottawa, Can.,	7 25
21,	Marcia Willis,	Concord, N. H.,	2 00
Dec. 2,	Ida Dube,	Duluth, Minn.,	31 55
3,	James R Penprase,	Duluth, Minn.,	34 55
7,	Julia Johnson,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
11,	George H Fee,	Kingston, N. Y.,	4 01
11,	Alice Ainsworth,	Concord, N. H.,	2 00
11,	Maria Ainsworth,	Concord, N. H.,	2 00
12,	William G. Symonds,	London, Eng.,	29 75

* Part fare.

APPENDIX II.

Persons sent out of the State — Continued.

Date.	NAME.	Where Sent.	Expense.
1895.			
Dec. 16,	Harry D. Burns,	Packerton, Pa.,	$6 40
16,	Gertrude L. Burns,	Packerton, Pa.,	6 40
18,	Welcome Marshall,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	4 25
20,	May Grant,	Blue Hill, Me.,	3 75
24,	Nathaniel H. Trafton,	Shapleigh, Me.,	2 50
28,	Elizabeth Wells,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
31,	John Robinson,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
31,	Frederick Myers,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
1896.			
Jan. 1,	Edith Standward,	Rome, N. Y.,	6 50
2,	Augustus Gideon,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
6,	Edwin Lynch,	Portland, Me,	1 00
6,	Licinus Haswell,	Hartford, Ct.,	2 62
8,	Nicholas White,	Fall River, Mass.,	1 20
11,	Batt Larkins,	Albany, N. Y.,	4 50
13,	Edward Fields,	Harris, R. I.,	1 30
15,	Hanora Grady,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
15,	George Rees,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
15,	James Fleming,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
16,	Joseph Matthews,	Portsmouth, N. H.,	1 40
18,	Mary Curran,	Port Mulgrave, N. S.,	8 80
20,	Michael R. West,	Chester, N. H.,	2 25
21,	Benjamin Baraby,	Fall River, Mass.,	1 20
23,	Matthew Carter,	New Haven, Ct.,	3 00
24,	Dennis Mahaney,	Bangor, Me.,	3 85
28,	Thomas Sheridan,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
28,	Dewey Ainsley,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
30,	Frank Kelly,	Manchester, N. H.,	1 25
30,	Julia Johnson,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
Feb. 4,	Frank W. Westmore,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
4,	Charles C. Hart,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
5,	Martin Brophy,	Schenectady, N Y.,	5 00
6,	Michael Matthews,	Lisbon, Portugal,	42 00
6,	Julia Matthews,	Lisbon, Portugal,	42 00
10,	William Kennedy,	Troy, N. Y,	4 50
10,	Charles Howard,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
12,	Dora Gross,	New York, N. Y,	3 00
19,	Angus Myren,	Hartford, Ct.,	3 25
20,	Joseph Van Pettee,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
28,	Amy S. Davis,	Bristol, Eng.,	28 00
March 5,	Margaret Lillo,	St. Stephens, N. B.,	6 50
5,	Richard Lillo,	St. Stephens, N. B.,	6 50
7,	James Miller,	Halifax, N. S,	7 00
7,	Catherine E. Meyer,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
12,	George H. Luther,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
12,	Richard Griffin,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
16,	George W. Emerson,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
18,	Henry Collins,	Newport, Vt.,	6 35
18,	Franziska Szimakowska,	New York, N. Y.,	2 25
23,	Annie Ferguson,	Toronto, Can.,	*5 00
23,	Mary Ferguson,	Toronto, Can.,	–
23,	Annie Ferguson,	Toronto, Can.,	–
23,	Fred Banfield,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
26,	Francis R. McCaulie,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
26,	William Hamburg,	Burlington, Vt.,	6 00
28,	Margaret Adams,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
28,	Florence Adams,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
28,	Mary Carroll,	Springfield, Mass.,	2 23
30,	John McDermott,	Hunter, N. Y.,	9 63
31,	James Hayes,	South Norwalk, Ct.,	3 00
31,	Mary Fleming,	Concord, N. H.,	1 60
31,	Ailce Fleming,	Concord, N. H,	1 60
April 16,	Israel Monstone,	Winterport, Me.,	3 00
17,	Albertina Leon,	London, Eng.,	25 00
22,	Willis Freeman,	Schenectady, N. Y.,	5 00
24,	William H. Kenney,	Marlborough, Mass.,	75

* Part fare.

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Persons sent out of the State — Continued.

Date.	NAME.	Where Sent.	Expense.
1896.			
April 24,	Patrick Scanlan,	New York, N. Y.,	$3 00
27,	Batt McCarthy,	Bath, Me.,	3 50
30,	Marshalia Willis,	Island Pond, Vt.,	6 00
30,	James Glora,	Lawrence, Mass.,	60
May 1,	William Whittingham,	Biddeford, Me.,	1 50
1,	John McNally,	Biddeford, Me.,	1 50
1,	Clarence Gay,	Biddeford, Me.,	1 50
2,	Stewart Wakefield,	St. Albans, Vt.,	7 70
6,	Augustus H. Cookson,	Newark, N. J.,	3 30
7,	Edward Delaney,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
9,	Peter Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	31 50
9,	Mary Ann Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	31 50
9,	Phillip Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	15 75
9,	Mary A. Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	15 75
9,	William Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	15 75
9,	Susan Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	15 75
9,	Peter Clark,	Dundee, Scotland,	15 75
9,	Annie Marks,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
9,	Louis Marks,	New York, N. Y.,	–
9,	James Brown,	Bangor, Me.,	4 50
11,	Henry McLeod,	Truro, N. S.,	7 75
11,	Lida Lewis,	Wilmington, Del.,	5 50
12,	Lena Blaird,	Halifax, N. S.,	7 50
13,	Myra Bickford,	Skowhegan, Me.,	5 50
13,	Myra Bickford,	Skowhegan, Me.,	–
19,	Arnold Waters,	Burlington, Vt.,	6 00
19,	Mary M. Waters,	Burlington, Vt.,	3 00
19,	Arthur Waters,	Burlington, Vt.,	–
20,	Martin Courtwell,	Hartford, Ct.,	3 00
22,	Charles Thomas,	Halifax, N. S.,	7 50
22,	Lizzie Thomas,	Halifax, N S ,	7 50
22,	Nellie Thomas,	Halifax, N. S.,	3 75
22,	George Thomas,	Halifax, N. S.,	–
22,	Ethel Thomas,	Halifax, N. S.,	–
22,	Maria Willis,	Walpole, N. H.,	3 25
25,	William Sheddan,	Oakdale, Mass ,	1 58
25,	Mary Sheddan,	Oakdale, Mass.,	–
27,	Mary Starleigh,	Claremont, N. H.,	3 25
27,	Victor Welcome,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
27,	Lacian Noyes,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
June 1,	Francis W. Hood,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
1,	Agnes Hood,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
1,	May Hood,	New York, N Y.,	–
1,	Edward Hood,	New York, N. Y.,	–
1,	Francis Hood,	New York, N Y.,	–
1,	Terrence Monahan,	Pawtucket, R. I.,	1 00
4,	Mattie Caraco,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	4 50
4,	Dominico Caraco,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	2 25
4,	Elsie Caraco,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	–
6,	James M. Wilson,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.,	5 00
8,	Charles Quash,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
13,	Emma Bergengren,	Gothenburg, Sweden,	30 50
13,	Edward Bergengren,	Gothenburg, Sweden,	15 25
13,	William Bergengren,	Gothenburg, Sweden,	15 25
16,	Albert Myers,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	Leo Graves,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	William O'Connor,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	Frank Prescott,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	Lambastes Decker,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	Thomas Traverstey,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
16,	Clara Martin,	Rutland, Vt.,	6 25
16,	James Martin,	Rutland, Vt.,	–
16,	Elizabeth Martin,	Rutland, Vt.,	–
18,	Esther Johanson,	Albany, N. Y.,	4 50
18,	Michael Bryan,	Springfield, Mass.,	2 23
19,	James Douglas,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
19,	Paul Gerhardt,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00

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Date.	NAME.	Where Sent.	Expense.
1896.			
June 22,	Elizabeth O'Connor,	Vineland, N. J.,	$7 50
22,	George Brassington,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
22,	Marcella Brassington,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
22,	Josephine Brassington,	New York, N. Y.,	-
22,	Anna Brassington,	New York, N. Y.,	-
22,	Gertrude Brassington,	New York, N. Y.,	-
23,	Walter Farnsworth,	St. John, N. B.,	6 50
24,	Patrick Purcell,	Pawtucket, R. I.,	1 00
27,	Joseph King,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	10 65
27,	Mary King,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	10 65
27,	Mary King,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	-
27,	Joseph King,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	-
27,	Richard King,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.,	-
29,	Henry McDonald,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
30,	Rosha Weil,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	5 50
30,	Sarah Weil,	Philadelphia, Pa ,	5 50
30,	Julia Weil,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	-
30,	Leon Weil,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	-
30,	Herbert Weil,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	-
30,	Thomas Wickham,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	4 50
July 9,	Walter Tate,	Pittsfield, Mass.,	2 25
13,	Ella Herara,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
13,	Antone Herara,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
13,	Raymond Herara,	New York, N. Y.,	-
13,	Jennie Herara,	New York, N. Y.,	-
13,	Maurice Herara,	New York, N. Y.,	-
14,	Joseph Peart,	Great Comberton, Eng.,	28 50
14,	Annie Shea,	Bantree, Ire.,	27 50
14,	James Murray,	Halifax, N. S.,	7 50
14,	Minnie M. Mitchell,	Manchester, N. H.,	1 25
14,	Warren F. Taylor,	Jackson, Mich ,	18 86
14,	John Wallace,	Tilton, N. H.,	2 13
14,	James Walters,	Malone, N. Y.,	9 45
15,	Eliza Munster,	Hartford, Ct ,	3 00
16,	Louis Baranowsky,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
17,	Ellen Williams,	Halifax, N. S.,	7 00
20,	Ernest Jelna,	Exeter, N. H.,	1 20
21,	John O'Brien,	Manchester, N. H.,	1 25
21,	John Jones,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
21,	Mary Jones,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
21,	Mary Jones,	New York, N. Y.,	-
21,	John Jones,	New York, N. Y.,	-
23,	Alger Raney,	Fitchburg, Mass.,	1 25
23,	Ellen Raney,	Fitchburg, Mass.,	1 25
23,	Samuel Raney,	Fitchburg, Mass.,	1 25
23,	Mary Raney,	Fitchburg, Mass.,	1 25
23,	Jennie Raney,	Fitchburg, Mass.,	-
24,	William S. Hooser,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
24,	Rena Hooser,	New York, N. Y ,	4 00
24,	William S. Hooser,	New York, N. Y.,	-
24,	Arthur Hooser,	New York, N. Y.,	-
24,	Charles Hooser,	New York, N. Y.,	-
24,	James Moore,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	14 50
24,	Mary Moore,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	14 50
24,	Helen Moore,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	-
24,	Mary Moore,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	-
24,	Chester Moore,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	-
25,	Harry B. Fisher,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	10 00
27,	Charles Slingsley,	Rockland, Me.,	2 50
27,	Ada Slingsley,	Rockland, Me.,	2 50
27,	Annie Slingsley,	Rockland, Me.,	-
27,	Ada F. Slingsley,	Rockland, Me.,	-
28,	Harry Cramer,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
August 4,	Daniel J. McLean,	Sidney, C. B.,	10 50
5,	Mary Brown,	New London, Ct.,	3 85
5,	Eliza Brown,	New London, Ct.,	1 93
5,	Mary Brown,	New London, Ct.,	1 93

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Date.	NAME.	Where Sent.	Expense.
1896.			
Aug. 5,	William Brown,	New London, Ct.,	-
5,	Patience Marlow,	Andover, N. H.,	$2 50
5,	Martha Marlow,	Andover, N. H ,	2 50
5,	Alice Marlow,	Andover, N. H.,	1 25
5,	William Marlow,	Andover, N. H ,	1 25
5,	Simon Bartman,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
6,	George Anderson,	Providence, R. I ,	1 00
6,	Maggie Anderson,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
7,	Elizabeth Lewis,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
8,	Jacob Miller,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
11,	James M. Smith,	Baltimore, Md.,	10 00
11,	Peter Hanlon,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
12,	Nelson Wilmot,	Lowell, Mass.,	60
12,	Thomas Warden,	Bridgeport, Ct.,	3 71
13,	Frank White,	Rockland, Me.,	2 50
17,	Mary E. Van Schack,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
17,	William Cornfield,	Gardiner, Me.,	1 70
17,	Margaret Murphy,	Pittsfield, Mass.,	3 30
17,	James Murphy,	Pittsfield, Mass ,	1 65
17,	Maggie Murphy,	Pittsfield, Mass.,	-
22,	Elizabeth Lewis,	Halifax, N. S.,	7 00
22,	Clifford Lewis,	Halifax, N. S.,	3 50
22,	Sarah E. Lewis,	Halifax, N. S.,	-
22,	Cyril Lewis,	Halifax, N. S.,	-
25,	Horace E. Verry,	Peabody, Mass.,	35
27,	Gaylord H. Connolly,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	5 50
Sept. 1,	Richard Moriarty,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
1,	Ellen Moriarty,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
1,	Bart Moriarty,	New York, N. Y.,	-
1,	Edward Moriarty,	New York, N. Y.,	-
2,	Benjamin Blanchard,	Coventry Center, R. I.,	1 50
2,	Lizzie McKenzie,	Pictou, N. S.,	7 75
2,	Mary McMann,	Providence, R. I.,	1 00
2,	Sophia Leftkowitz,	Hartford, Ct.,	2 73
3,	Ann Coyle,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
10,	Joseph H. McEnroe,	Truro, N. S.,	-
11,	Richard L. Thorp,	Gardiner, Me.,	2 00
14,	Jette Taub,	Newark, N. J.,	3 30
14,	Harry Taub,	Newark, N. J.,	1 65
14,	Tillie Taub,	Newark, N. J.,	1 65
14,	Annie Taub,	Newark, N. J.,	-
14,	Eddie Taub,	Newark, N. J.,	-
16,	John Kervin,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
17,	Philip Reichart,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
18,	John Boyle,	New York, N. Y.,	3 00
21,	Joseph Hall,	Portland, Me.,	1 00
26,	Bessie Adesman,	London, Eng ,	25 50
26,	Evelena Dalton,	New York, N. Y.,	4 00
28,	George M. Williams,	Utica, N. Y.,	8 00